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### PREFATORY NOTE.

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This volume contains the Proceedings of the President and Council of Fort St. George for the year 1701, comprised in the Thirtieth Volume of the Series 'Diary and Consultation Books.' The paper of the original volume is extremely brittle and many of the pages are torn.

5th October 1922.

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# RECORDS OF FORT ST. GEORGE.

## DIARY AND CONSULTATION BOOK

OF

1701.

(VOLUME No. 30.)

[From January 2 to December 31, 1701.]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1—

The Consultation and Diary [Book] of Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> : President & Gov<sup>r</sup> : &c<sup>a</sup> : Councill their Proceedings and Transactions in the Affairs of the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : English East India Company in the Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell &c<sup>a</sup> : Begun the 2<sup>mo</sup> : Jan<sup>ry</sup> : [1700-1.]

Received Generall Letters from Metchlepatam 23<sup>d</sup> : December last and from 2. Maddapollam [ . . . ] with the severall papers mention'd in both [pacquetts.]

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
4.

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated [23<sup>d</sup>] December last and from Maddapollam dated [ . . . ] &c<sup>a</sup> : papers in both pacquetts, all read.

M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Marshall Paymaster read [his] Disbursements for the month Novemb<sup>r</sup> : [ . . . . . ] [Pay] m<sup>rs</sup> :  
[Accts : for  
Nov<sup>r</sup> : read.]

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |                    |       |        |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|-------|--------|
| Charges Garrison         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : | 111 : | [33 :] |
| Charges Cattle           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 16 :  | [18 :] |
| Diet                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 205 : | [16 :] |
| Factors Provisions       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | — :   | [ 3 ]  |
| Charges Generall         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 298 : | [...]  |
| Charges Extraordinary    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 17 :  | [...]  |
| Charges Merchandize      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 50 :  | [...]  |
| Fortifications & Repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 49 :  | [...]  |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1741 : [ . . . ]

Wee being inform'd that Doud Cawn with his army draws near Arcott, and there being various reports of their comeing near this place, wee think it necessary and order that the warehousekeeper buys in One hundred Garse of Paddy for Store, and that the Rice in the Godowns (which is decaying) be Dispos'd off, as also the old Paddy & Wheat. [Grain] to be  
[bought &]  
why  
Grain to be  
sold.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter to Metchlep<sup>m</sup> : of yesterdays Date.  
Ship Pearl francisco Cardoza Master arrived from Acheen.

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—FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1—

THURSDAY  
9

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[Warehouse-  
keeper pays]  
6000 pag:  
[Wm Dean]  
under the  
[Paym<sup>r</sup>:]  
Letters &ca:  
sent read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
Cash six thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Silver and Goods sold.

Order'd that William Dean be assistant to the Paymaster.

Generall Letters to Metchelepatam & [Madapollam] and an answer to the  
Protest of M<sup>r</sup>: John [Pitt the new] Companys President at Maddapollam, all of  
[ . . . ] date, read.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
Order'd the  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1281  
paid into  
Cash Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Joint Stock  
Merchants.

Order'd that one thousand Pagodas be paid to Thomas Marshall Paymaster  
to defray charges of the Garrison.

The Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: [Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>:] Cash Twelve  
hundred eighty one Pag<sup>s</sup>: being for turn'd out Cloth Sold at Outcry Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
the old [cloth] for which sum the Joint Stock Merchants [ . . . ] order'd  
to have credit.

Tobacco  
Managers  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: read:  
Pag: 670  
paid into  
Cash for  
Tobacco  
sold.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Hunt late Tobacco Manager [reads] his Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the months  
September: Octob<sup>r</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: and to the 17<sup>th</sup>: December last and pays into the  
R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash six hundred seventy Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Tobacco sold.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

10. Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers  
inclosed [with . . .] of their Journall & Ledger Letter K.

11. Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Chief & Councill of Metchelepatam and  
Maddapollam, inclosed an answer to the Protest of M<sup>r</sup>: John Pitt the new  
Companys President at Maddapollam, all dated the 9<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers.

FRIDAY 17

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[Comp<sup>s</sup>:]  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: Cash  
for Decr:  
read.  
Bill Ex-  
change from  
[Fort St:]  
David for  
5000 Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
paid.

The President read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for  
the month December last Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 35394: 24: 4.

Yesterday being a Bill presented us and this day another both dated the  
10<sup>th</sup>: Instant drawn by the Dep<sup>r</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David Viz<sup>t</sup>:  
One for Five thousand Pagodas payable to Maura Chittee and Ramanaigue and  
one for Five thousand Pagodas payable to Botchu Chittee and Collastre Chittee,  
who being very urgent for the money, alledgeing the great necessity for the  
expeditious carrying on their Invest[ment], It was unanimously agreed &  
accordingly the former paid yesterday, and the latter is now order'd to be  
paid, altho no Letter of advice is yet Received.

[Letter read:  
read.]

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant read.

## —PORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1—

[17<sup>th</sup>]

Doud Cawn being order'd by the King Nabob of the Cornatta and Chingee Countrys, who has been severall months on his march from the Kings Camp, Few daies ago wee were advis'd (by people that wee keep in his camp to get us intelligence) that hee was come to Arcott about four daies march from hence. Wee have had severall Letters of complement from him, wherein hee has desired sundry sorts of Liquors, which accordingly have been sent him, and it being the custom of all Europeans to Present all Nabobs and Govern<sup>rs</sup>: when they come first to their Governments, in order to procure a confirmation of their Priviledge besides at present wee are carrying on a great Investment here and at Fort St: David, and have a great deal of money spread up and down the Country; further few days ago wee have advice from Surat by Armenian Letters, that our Affairs are Embroile there by false informations of that most impious Beutifeus S<sup>r</sup>: Nicholas Waites, [all] which induc'd us to consider of a considerable Present for the Nabob and Duan &c<sup>a</sup>: Officers, and fitting persons to send with it, thô before wee heard the news from Surat, wee intended to have sent two Englishmen, but alter'd our resolution, not knowing but that the troubles that may effect us here, so there being One Sen<sup>r</sup>: Nicholas Manuch a Venitian and an inhabitant of ours for many years who has the reputation of an honest man besides, hee has liv'd at the King's Court upwards of thirty years and was a servant to one of the Princes, and speaks the Persian Language excellent well, for which reasons wee think [him] the properest person to send at this time with our Cheif Dubash Ramapah, and have unanimously agreed with the advice of all that were capable of giving it, to send the following Presents so in order to their setting out tomorrow on their Journey, have deliver'd in our Instructions and Letters as enter'd after this Consultation.

Considerable Presents order'd [to be sent to] Doud Cawn Nabob &c<sup>a</sup>: Officers at Arcott.

FOR DOUD CAWN NABOB VIZ<sup>t</sup>:

|                                            |                     |                                              |      |     |     |                             |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| Brass Guns & Carriages                     | ...                 | 2                                            | ...  | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 114: 18: |
| Screens                                    | ...                 | 1 p <sup>r</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 268: —                      |
| Looking Glass large                        | ...                 | 1 p <sup>r</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 80: —                       |
| Silver Trunk Manilha Work                  | ...                 | 1                                            | ...  | ... | ... | 20: —                       |
| China Velvet flower'd w <sup>th</sup> Gold | ...                 | 1                                            | ...  | ... | ... | 35: —                       |
| English Velvet red                         | ...                 | 8 Y <sup>ds</sup> :                          | ...  | ... | ... | 36: —                       |
| Do. blue                                   | ...                 | 8 Y <sup>ds</sup> :                          | ...  | ... | ... | 36: —                       |
| Blunderbusses                              | ...                 | 1 p <sup>r</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 9: —                        |
| Fowling peices fine                        | ...                 | 2 p <sup>rs</sup> :                          | ...  | ... | ... | 14: —                       |
| Pistolls                                   | ...                 | 1 p <sup>r</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 7: —                        |
| Prospective Glass                          | ...                 | 1 p <sup>r</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 3: —                        |
| Junk China                                 | ...                 | 1                                            | ...  | ... | ... | 16: —                       |
| Broad Cloth white                          | ...                 | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 35: —                       |
| Concave Glasses                            | ...                 | 3                                            | ...  | ... | ... | 2: 9                        |
| Musk                                       | ...                 | ½ Seer                                       | ...  | ... | ... | 7: —                        |
| Penknives                                  | ...                 | 4                                            | ...  | ... | ... | —: 16                       |
| Sword blades                               | ...                 | 6                                            | ...  | ... | ... | 8: 18                       |
| Broad Cloth Yellow                         | ...                 | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 30: —                       |
| China Silk                                 | ...                 | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :                           | ...  | ... | ... | 12: —                       |
| Small Drinking Glasses                     | ...                 | 12                                           | ...  | ... | ... | 2: —                        |
| Cordiall                                   | ...                 | 37½: Gall.                                   | ...  | ... | ... | 19: —                       |
| French Brandy w <sup>th</sup> : Leaf Gold  | ...                 | 50 bottles                                   | ...  | ... | ... | 18: 27                      |
| Flint ware                                 | ...                 | 15 p <sup>s</sup> : p <sup>z</sup> : 34½ lb. | ...  | ... | ... | 45: 4                       |
| Jentsum                                    | ...                 | 3 oz.                                        | ...  | ... | ... | 15: —                       |
| Perpetuanoes for caseing the small arms.   | 3 y <sup>ds</sup> : | ...                                          | ...  | ... | ... | 1: —                        |
| Rupees                                     | ...                 | ...                                          | 3000 | ... | ... | 857: 10                     |

Particulars of y: Present to Doud Cawn Nabob.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1091: 30

[17<sup>TH</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700 1—

FOR MAHOMUD SYDE, DUAN VIZ<sup>r</sup>:Particulars  
of the Pre-  
sent to  
Mahomed  
Syde Duan.

|                           |     |     |     |                           |     |             |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----|-------------|
| Looking Glass large       | ... | ... | ... | 1                         | ... | Pags: 11: — |
| Sword blades              | ... | ... | ... | 4                         | ... | " 4: 14     |
| China strip'd Velvet      | ... | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :        | ... | " 19: 18    |
| Penknives                 | ... | ... | ... | 2                         | ... | " —: 8      |
| Concave Glass             | ... | ... | ... | 1                         | ... | " —: 27     |
| Broad Cloth Aurora        | ... | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :        | ... | " 30: —     |
| Broad Cloth Yellow        | ... | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :        | ... | " 30: —     |
| Velvet flower'd with Gold | ... | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :        | ... | " 34: 9     |
| Broad Cloth white         | ... | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :        | ... | " 35: —     |
| Flint ware                | ... | ... | ... | 13 p <sup>s</sup> :       | ... | " 21: 9     |
|                           |     |     |     | p <sup>s</sup> : 17 lb. } |     | " 21: 9     |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 186: 13Provisionall  
Presents.Presents sent with Sen<sup>r</sup>: Manuch & Ramapah to be dispos'd if occasion  
requires Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                              |     |     |                     |     |                             |             |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Flint ware                   | ... | ... | 24 p <sup>s</sup> : | ... | P <sup>s</sup> : 30 lb. ... | Pags: 38: — |
| Broad Cloth Green ordy:      | ... | ... | 2 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 30: —     |
| Broad Red ordinary           | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 15: —     |
| Velvet strip'd               | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 19: 18    |
| Sword blades                 | ... | ... | 3                   | ... | "                           | " 4: 16     |
| Spectacles                   | ... | ... | 12 Cases            | ... | "                           | " 3: —      |
| Looking Glasses of 12 inches | ... | ... | 8                   | ... | "                           | " 12: —     |
| Do. of 7 do.                 | ... | ... | 6                   | ... | "                           | " 4: —      |
| China Silk                   | ... | ... | 3 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 34: —     |
| Spirits                      | ... | ... | 4 Cases             | ... | "                           | " 11: —     |
| Knives                       | ... | ... | 2 Cases             | ... | "                           | " 2: 18     |
| Broad Cloth Crimson          | ... | ... | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 45: —     |
| Perpetuanoes fine            | ... | ... | 6 p <sup>s</sup> :  | ... | "                           | " 42: —     |
| Rupees                       | ... | ... | Two thousand.       | ... | "                           | " 571: —    |
|                              |     |     |                     |     |                             | 831: 16     |

Paid Sen<sup>r</sup>: Manuch to Equip himself ... P<sup>s</sup>: 50 ...  
 Paid Ramapa for do: ... " 25 ... 75: —

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 906: 16

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THOS: WRIGHT.  
 M. EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEYERBELL.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SEN<sup>r</sup>: NICHOLA MANUCH AND RAMAPA ON THEIR GOING TO  
WAITE ON DOUD CAWN NABOB AT ARCOTT.Instructions  
to the persons  
sent with the  
Presents to  
the Nabob  
&c<sup>s</sup>: officers.

The great hopes wee have of your fidelity and Prudence induces us to send  
 You to the New Nabob with considerable Presents, of which wee here give you a  
 List. The Nabobs Present and Duans wee have allowed here, and deliver you  
 severall things for Presents, for you to Dispose off as you see occasion. Wee also  
 deliver you Letters of complement for the Nabob & Duan, and the most consider-  
 able persons in the Camp.

Wee have nothing to ask of the Nabob and Duan, but the confirmation of our  
 Priviledge here and att Tevenapatam, and that all our Business in the Country  
 may go on according to Salabad; and that you may not forgett wee here mention  
 some particular agrevance which wee would have provided for in the Nabobs  
 Perwanna.

That no Moneys be extorted from our Merchants in the Countrys where they  
 provide there [*sic*] Goods which ought to pass all Places according to Salabad, and  
 that no Governour be permitted to make stops and demand new Cash as the  
 Govern<sup>r</sup>: of S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma has of late.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700—1—

[17<sup>TH</sup>]

That the Juncaneers about us demand nothing for Provisions or Goods in and out but according to Salabad, and that when y<sup>e</sup>: King's duty is paid, shall be Lawfull for any to take away their Goods, whereas they often make stops to extort money for themselves.

That if wee have any Ships, Boats or Goods cast away in any of the Kings Dominions no Governour shall make any pretence to it but that we shall have liberty to carry away whatever is sav'd.

Our Merchants Goods to pass secure from being rob'd or plunder'd, and whenever it soe happens, that the Gov<sup>r</sup>: of that Country shall make it Good.

What Perwanna's you procure, remember to get three or four copys attested by the Cojee in the Camp.

From the Various reports that have been and are still going, Wee have reason to beleive severall things will be objected against us, knowing that this place is not only envyed by the Country Govern<sup>rs</sup>: but by all Europeans too, wee therefore as a memorandum give you the following advice.

- . If any thing be said about our Revenues which are generally magnify'd four times as much as they are, 'tis to be answer'd, that 'tis paid by none but our own Inhabitants, who are inrich'd by our Trade solely and are daily getting money from us, which had long ago ruin'd us, had not wee sett up Revenues to regain some money from them towards defraying our great charges.

Wee are told that Timapa Peddee Naigue is busie in complaining against us for not having the Peddee Naigues place here w<sup>ch</sup>: upon strict examination 'twas found hee had no [right] to itt, besides hee barbarously murther'd seve[ral] Inhabitants of this place, after which the present Govern<sup>r</sup>: comeing and sending for him to hear what hee could say for himself, which was little or nothing, so hee return'd again, but the Gov<sup>r</sup>: was forc'd to send a strong guard with him, or otherwise the relations of those hee Murther'd would have fell on him, besides wee could not think ourselves secure under such a watchman, and their Cowle also was never granted but dureing pleasure.

If anything be said in relation to our makeing fortifications, may be answer'd, that wee are always when new Gov<sup>rs</sup>: come, pulling down one thing and building another and repairing.

Remember to procure an Order for our Peons and people to travell unmolest-ed between [this] and Tevenapatam, whereas now they stop all our people at Boomypollam and force money from them, besides offering insufferable affronts, which being complain'd of to Jemsheer Cawn, hee made 'em restore Money & prevented further troubles dureing his time.

The Govern<sup>r</sup>: of S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma have given our people the like trouble near Policat.

Dated in Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George the 16<sup>th</sup>: January 1700.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO DOUD CAWN NABOB.

I have with great impatience waited for your arrival at Arcott, which being inform'd of two days ago I celebrated with great Joy & immediately prepar'd my people to wait on you with such acknowledgements of Respects I was capable of provideing. A List of all which comes inclosed, whereof I humbly request yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>y</sup>: acceptance, and what I add to it is, my hearty wishes for your good health and prosperity and a long continuance in your Government.

Presidents  
Letter to be  
deliv'd: to  
Nabob w<sup>th</sup>:  
the Publick  
Present.

Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George 16<sup>th</sup>: January 1700.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: PITT.

[17<sup>TH</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1—

To DOUD CAWN NABOB.

[Letter to]  
be deliver'd  
privately  
with [...]  
Rupees.

I congratulate yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>ys</sup>: arrivall at Arcott and have sent Mr: Manuch and our Egyp Ramapa to confirm the same, and to give me an accot: of your good health, and to request Your Excell<sup>ys</sup>: favor to us in confirming our ancient privileges at Chinapatam and Tevenapatam. I wish Yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>y</sup>: all health and prosperity and a long continuance in your Govern<sup>t</sup>: under whom I doubt not but all will be happy.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: PITT.

To MAMOOD SYDE DUAN.

The  
Presid<sup>t</sup>:  
Letter to  
Ye: Duan  
at Arcott.

'Twas good news to me to hear of your arrivall at Arcott, upon which I have Dispatch'd to you Sen<sup>r</sup>: Manuch and our Egyp Ramapa, by whom I have sent Your Hon<sup>r</sup>: a small acknowledgement, and request under your wise and just discretion of affairs our Business may go on according to Salabad. God preserve your Hon<sup>r</sup>: and send you health and prosperity. Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George 16<sup>th</sup>: Jan<sup>ry</sup>: 1700<sup>[ $\frac{9}{11}$ ]</sup>

THOMAS PITT.

To THE BUXIE

To ALAWARTEE BEAGUE

To THE CONGNYE: &amp;

To VINCATRAW: were Letters wrote to the same purport as the above.

18. Sen<sup>r</sup>: Manuch & Ramapa early this morning from the Companys new Garden sett forward on their Journey to Arcott with the Present for Doud Cawn &c<sup>a</sup>: officers.

19. Received Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

20. Early this morning arrived ship Gosfrig[ht] Edward Harrison Com<sup>mander</sup> and Supra Cargo from China, Malacca & Acheen, who com[ing] ashore, acquaints hee belongs to the Sep[erate] Stock.

MONDAY  
20

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON    THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Order'd that Veleir Rowlee, Manuel de Rosario and Domingo Corree be entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 470: 29: be paid the Presid<sup>t</sup>: being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Serapa pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Eleven hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: being for Goods formerly bought out of the warehouse upon his particular account.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Generall Letter to ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: read and approved.

Order'd that Twenty thousand Pagodas be paid Serapa &c<sup>a</sup>: Joint Stock Merchants in further part of their Contract dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: August 1700.

Three  
Portugueze  
entertain'd  
souldiers.  
Letter from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David read.  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David bill  
order'd to be  
paid.  
[Pag<sup>s</sup>:]  
1100 paid  
into Cash by  
Serapa for  
goods  
bought.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 100  
order'd ye:  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
Letter to  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David, read.  
[Pag<sup>s</sup>:]  
20000  
order'd ye:  
Jot: Stock  
Merchants.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1 —

[20<sup>TH</sup>]

• Here arriveing this morning Cap<sup>t</sup>: Edw<sup>d</sup>: Harrison in the Gosfright, who came ashore and as hee informs us, hee belongs to y<sup>e</sup>: seperate Stock and came lately from Emoy, Malacca & Acheen, and acquaints us of the misfortune of the Harwich being lost at Emoy, and that hee has brought Marreens and sailors Twen[ty] one of that ships Company, who offer to serve here till they have an opportunity to go for England, so considering the great want wee have of Europeans, and not knowing how soon wee may have occasion for them, wee have thought fitt to Entertain 'em.

Ship  
Gosfright of  
y<sup>e</sup>: seperate  
Stock in  
England.  
Ship  
Harwich a  
man of war  
Lost at  
Emoy,  
twenty-one  
Marreens &  
sailors  
belonging  
to her, are  
entertain'd  
in y<sup>e</sup>:  
Garrison.  
Permission  
for ship  
Gosfrights  
cargo to be  
unladen  
here.  
The reasons.

Captain Harrison requesting leave to Land his cargo and dispose of it, consisting of Tootenague, Copper, Sugar, Sugar Candy, Allo[m], Gold &c<sup>a</sup>: wee have for the following reasons granted his request:—

1<sup>st</sup>: For that if wee refuse to lett him Land it [here] hee can do it at S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, Policat, Metchle[patam] or any other port upon the Coast, paying an easier custom than at this place.

2<sup>dly</sup>: That if hee goes to Metchlepatam, 'twill [give] a great countenance to the new Company's affairs in that place.

3<sup>dly</sup>: That considering hee sells here none but [the] Commodities of the Country, and that wee permit him to carry away not any peice Goods that may be propper for Europe, and that hee returns hence to China, it can [in] no measure whatever be prejudicial to the Company, but a considerable advantage to 'em in their Customs and Coinage, besides a reputation to the Port; and to manifest that no sinister ends or Interest has induc'd the President and Councill to this resolution, wee declare that 'tis very much to the prejudice of our particular interest, in regard that wee have severall ships belonging to this port, which wee expect in a little time to return w<sup>th</sup>: these Commodities, besides quantities of some of these sorts at this time upon our hands, which will very considerably lessen their sale, Yet considering 'twill have the same effect if Landed anywhere on this Coast, by which the Company will not only loose so much custom but if it so happen that they should come to a better markett in any other port, it may occasion other ships for the future to Desert this.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

21.

Ship Rubie Zachariah Stilgo master arri[ved] from Bengall, by whom received Generall Letter from the President & Councill of Fort William dated the 17<sup>th</sup>: & 19<sup>th</sup>: December last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as <sup>¶</sup> List the Pacquett.

22<sup>ND</sup>

Ship King William John Braddyll Commander also arrived from Bengall, Vizagapatam & Metchlepatam, by whom rec<sup>d</sup>: the following Pacquets Viz<sup>t</sup>: Generall Letter from the President & Councill of Fort William dated 28<sup>th</sup>: November last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as <sup>¶</sup> List, the Invoice for stores &c<sup>a</sup>: amounting to Rupees 18446: 15: 2: from [M<sup>r</sup>:] Henry Waldo on board the King William in [Bengall] road dated 3<sup>d</sup>: Dec<sup>r</sup>: last, inclosing Bill Lading for the above stores:—from the Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam dated 27<sup>th</sup>: ditto with Invoice [&] Bill Lading for 152 bales amo<sup>t</sup>: to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 8984: 9<sup>ta</sup>: [ . . . ] from Maddapollam dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant and from Metchlepatam dated the 15<sup>d</sup>: with Invoice & Bill Lading for 129 bales Viz<sup>t</sup>: 77 of Metchlepatam amo<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: [15846: 24:], 52 bales of Maddapollam amo<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 9291: 15: 3.

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WEDNES-  
DAY  
22ND

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
received,  
read.

General Letters from Bengall dated the [ 2<sup>nd</sup> ; ] November, and another dated the 17<sup>th</sup> : & 19<sup>th</sup> : Dec<sup>r</sup> : last from M<sup>r</sup> : Henry Waldo on board the King William in Balasore road dated the 3<sup>d</sup> : December last, from Vizagapatam dated the 27<sup>th</sup> : ditto, from Maddapollam dated 11<sup>th</sup> : Instant and from Metchlepatam dated 15<sup>th</sup> : ditto &c<sup>a</sup> : papers received with the several packets all read.

From Ben-  
gall & K.  
Willm:  
[unloaden].  
[From] north-  
ern factorys  
[sent] for  
ashore.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the several stores &c<sup>a</sup> : sent from Bengall & ship King William, except the eleven hundred & fifty bags of salt-petre, which is to be continued in part of her Kentelage. The Warehousekeeper is likewise to send for ashore the following Vizagapatam, Metchlep<sup>m</sup> : & Maddapollam Bales in order to have them cur'd, being mostly brown, the others for our Viewing.

Vizagapatam Goods Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                            |                                     |     |     |     |      |    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| L C O N <sup>o</sup> : 03  | Long Cloth ord <sup>y</sup> : white | ... | ... | ... | Bale | 1  |
| L C B N <sup>o</sup> : A   | Ditto brown                         | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| S A O N <sup>o</sup> : 4   | Salampores ord <sup>y</sup> : white | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| S A B N <sup>o</sup> : A   | Ditto brown                         | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| S C O N <sup>o</sup> : 0:1 | Sail Cloth white                    | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| S C B N <sup>o</sup> : A   | Ditto brown                         | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| S B B strip'd              | Betteelas brown N <sup>o</sup> : A  | ... | ... | ... | "    | 7  |
|                            | B                                   | ... | ... | ... | "    | 5  |
|                            | C                                   | ... | ... | ... | "    | 10 |
|                            | O B                                 | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
|                            | O C                                 | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
|                            | ± D                                 | ... | ... | ... | "    | 5  |
| P B B N <sup>o</sup> : A   | Plain Betteela's brown              | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| Bales                      |                                     |     |     |     |      | 36 |

Metchelepatam Goods brown Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|         |                 |     |     |     |     |      |    |
|---------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| S B     | Salampores...   | ... | ... | ... | ... | bale | 1  |
| P R     | Percollas       | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| I Z B   | Izares          | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 2  |
| D M B   | Dimityes        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
| L F C B | Long Cloth fine | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 4  |
| G S B   | Gingham Sheets  | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1  |
|         |                 |     |     |     |     |      | 10 |

For our Viewing Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                        |                        |     |     |     |     |      |   |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---|
| S F N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | Salampores             | ... | ... | ... | ... | bale | 1 |
| L F N <sup>o</sup> : 1 | Long Cloth fine        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1 |
| G B N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | Gulcondah Betteela's   | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1 |
|                        | 3                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1 |
| O B N <sup>o</sup> : 2 | Oringall Betteela's... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1 |
| C B N <sup>o</sup> : 1 | Brampore Chints        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1 |
| Bales                  |                        |     |     |     |     |      | 6 |

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[22<sup>ND</sup>]

Maddapolam Goods brown Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|         |                     |                    |         |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|
| L F C B | Long Cloth fine ... | N <sup>o</sup> : 1 | Ba: [2] |
|         |                     | 2                  | " [1]   |
|         |                     | 3                  | " [2]   |
|         |                     | 3                  | " [1]   |
| G S B   | Gingham Sheets ...  | 1                  | " [1]   |

For our Viewing Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|       |                                     |             |
|-------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| L F C | N <sup>o</sup> : 2 Long Cloth fine. |             |
| S A   | 2 Salampores.                       | " [...]     |
|       |                                     | Ba: 1 [...] |

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper [ . . . ] thirty Six Tons Red-wood on the King W<sup>m</sup>: being her Chart[er]party] proportion, and the remainder of her [Frigh] of saltpetre.

Ship K. Williams Redwood & salt-petre to be Laden.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Dorothy John Fountain master arrived from Vizagapatam, by whom 23<sup>RD</sup> received Generall Letter from the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill dated 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant with Invoice and Bill Lading for 38 bales Calicoes [on] Acco<sup>t</sup>: the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>a</sup>: amo<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2918: 15: 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant received & ship Dorothy, read, on who[m] being Thirty eight bales Calicoes of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: all brown, the Warehouse-keeper is order'd forthw<sup>th</sup>: to unlade them, and that hee puts the Ten bales strip'd and two bales plain Betteela's to y<sup>e</sup>: washers to be whitned.

Letter from Vizagap<sup>m</sup>: read: [38] bales of y<sup>t</sup>: place to bee unladen.

Order'd that Long Cloth and Salampores brown as they come in (being first sorted) be Embaled and well prest, and that no more of those sorts be put to the Washers dureing the King Williams stay, but that they wholly apply themselves to the cureing the fine Goods of this place and those received from the Northern ffactorys.

[Ord] inary Cloth to be packd [soon]

The Store-keeper is order'd to Buy 25 Candy Brimstone, and that hee cause the same to be made into powder for Garrison stores.

Brimstone for store to be bought.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.

Received Generall Letter from the President &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill at Surat dated 24<sup>TH</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>: November last & Crosseds, only for Covert of a Petition relateing to a Difference between some Armenians of this place.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1700-1—

MONDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Mint Acco<sup>ts</sup>:  
for Novr : &  
Decr : read.

The President read his Mint acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month November & December last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Novr: To Custom on Gold coin'd | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2: 16: 1   |
| Decr: To Custom on Gold        | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 49: 26: -  |
| To Custom on Silver            | Rup <sup>s</sup> : 932: 14: - |

Paymrs.  
acco<sup>ts</sup> for  
Decr : read.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster [read] his accounts for the month December last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                          |     |     |                             |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------|
| Charges Garrison         | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 1136: 1  |
| Diet                     | ... | ... | " 271: 17                   |
| Charges Merchandize      | ... | ... | " 100: -                    |
| Charges Generall         | ... | ... | " 356: 1                    |
| Charges Extraordinary    | ... | ... | " 89: 17                    |
| Fort St: David           | ... | ... | " 9: 9                      |
| Charges Cattle           | ... | ... | " 14: 17                    |
| Fortifications & Repairs | ... | ... | " 61: 35                    |
|                          |     |     | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2038: 25 |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
paid towards  
carrying on  
the black  
Town wall.  
Land Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
Dr: read.*[A few lines lost in the original]*

Mr: John [Meverell Land] Customer read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month December last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                                    |     |     |                               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Choultry Custom                                    | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 275: 1: 15 |
| Rubie Brokers                                      | ... | ... | " 51: 19: 38                  |
| Cloth Brokers                                      | ... | ... | " -: 16: 60                   |
| Town Rents for the months Novem-<br>ber & December | ... | ... | " 27: 22: 59                  |
| Registring Slaves                                  | ... | ... | " 1: 12: -                    |
|                                                    |     |     | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 356: -: 12 |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 350  
paid into  
Cash on

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Three hundred & fifty Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: Land Custom's.

Generall Letter from the President & Council of Surat dated 22<sup>nd</sup>: November last, read.

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOMS: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

[28<sup>TH</sup>]

[ . . . ] town Commander arriv'd [ . . . ] which received their Gen<sup>l</sup>:  
 [ . . . ] 6<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: with copy of another [ . . . ] 17<sup>th</sup>: & 19<sup>th</sup>: December  
 last on whom was Sr: Charles Eyre late President of Fort William being design'd  
 home by her, who came ashore about 12 at noon, and was welcomed with the usuall  
 ceremony of Guns.

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ATT, A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD<sup>y</sup>:TUESDAY  
[28<sup>TH</sup>]*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

This morning arrivging the Fame from Bengall brought us their General Letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup>: Instant, wherein they request us to fill her up and Dispatch her for England, she wanting about 150 bales; but the Comānder reports that about 100 would be sufficient, wee order'd the Gunner to go aboard and surveigh her [Hold] which the Captain desired might be deferr'd [. . .] in regard they had about 200 bales unstow'd in expectation of Pepper.

Bengall  
 General  
 read. Advise-  
 ing ship  
 Fame's  
 wanting  
 bales to fill  
 up for  
 England.

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
30<sup>TH</sup>*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

The Commander of Ship King William requesting in writeing (as enter'd after this Consultation) that with what already on board wee would make up Two thousand bags salt-petre, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to Lade the same being 570 bags, also what Bale Goods are ready as the Comānder calls for them.

Salt-petre  
 570 bags  
 Laden on  
 K. William  
 more than  
 other  
 Kentilage.

Agreed that the Secretary gives orders to the Comānders of Ship Fame and King William to receive Diamonds on board, as they are bro<sup>t</sup>: to him to be Register'd.

The Secy:  
 to give  
 orders for  
 receiving  
 Diamonds on  
 board Ship  
 Fame &  
 K: Wm:

This day the Gunner made his report that hee had been on board the Fame and surveigh'd her hold, and according to the best of his judgement, supposes she'l carry one hundred thirty bales more upon which 'tis order'd that the Warehousekeeper causes the following bales to be Travers'd from on board the King William, and that hee sends from the Warehouse Bales of Brown cloth sufficient to fill her up.

Ship Fame  
 to be fill'd  
 with bales.

|                          |                  |     |     |       |    |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-------|----|
| L C B N <sup>o</sup> : A | Long Cloth brown | ... | ... | Bales | 9  |
| N <sup>o</sup> : O A     | ...              | ... | ... | "     | 13 |
| N <sup>o</sup> : B       | ...              | ... | ... | "     | 3  |
| N <sup>o</sup> : O B     | ...              | ... | ... | "     | 5  |
| N <sup>o</sup> : T A,    | ...              | ... | ... | "     | 2  |
| N <sup>o</sup> : T B     | ...              | ... | ... | "     | 2  |
|                          |                  |     |     |       | —  |
|                          |                  |     |     |       | 34 |
|                          |                  |     |     |       | —  |

[30<sup>th</sup>]

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|                                                        |     |     |     |       |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
| S A B N <sup>o</sup> : A Salamp <sup>rs</sup> : Browne | ... | ... | ... | Bales | 3 |
| B                                                      | ... | ... | ... | "     | 5 |
| C                                                      | ... | ... | ... | "     | 3 |
| O A                                                    | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| O B                                                    | ... | ... | ... | "     | 2 |
| O C                                                    | ... | ... | ... | "     | 3 |

—  
17  
—

|                                            |     |     |     |       |   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
| S C B N <sup>o</sup> : A Sail Cloth browne | ... | ... | ... | Bales | 1 |
| B                                          | ... | ... | ... | "     | 4 |
| C                                          | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| O A                                        | ... | ... | ... | "     | 1 |
| O B                                        | ... | ... | ... | "     | 2 |

—  
9  
—Persia Mare  
bought for  
the Nabob.

Sen<sup>r</sup> : Manuch and Ramapa adviseing us that the Nabob hearing of a Persia Mare that was to be sold in our Town, order'd them to write us about it, hee being desirous to Buy it; but wee well knowing their manner of Buying, and what is meant by it, and not being will[ing] to Disgust him for a small matter, wee bought the Mare for Two hundred Pagodas, and 'tis order'd that the steward forthwith provide furniture, in order to her being sent our Agents at y<sup>e</sup> : Camp tomorrow.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup> : THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup> :GOVERNOUR & C<sup>A</sup> : COUNCILL IN FORT S<sup>T</sup> : GEORGE.

The Ship King William not being sailable with the Charterparty Kentilage, It's my request that Your Hon<sup>r</sup> : & C<sup>a</sup> : would make up what salt-petre I have already on board Two thousand bags.

Fort S<sup>t</sup> : George 29<sup>th</sup> : Jan<sup>ry</sup> : 170<sup>0</sup><sub>1</sub>

Your Servant.  
JOHN BRADYLL.

31.

Received Copy of Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David Generall Letter, dated the 28<sup>th</sup> : Instant, with 2<sup>d</sup> : Bill Lading of Parr Recovery for 160 Bales Calicoes @ Pattamar, the originals being on board said Parr.

FEBRUARY  
2ND

Ship Thankfull saild for Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David, by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> : & C<sup>a</sup> : Councill dated the 31<sup>st</sup> : past.

Parr Recovery Charles Hopkins Master arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David, and brought their Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> : past with Invoice & Bill Lading for 160 bales Calicoes.

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1700-1 —

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

MONDAY  
3RD

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCOIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON. THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: January last, read.

Letter from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David.

Parr Recovery arriveing last night from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David with one hundred sixty bales [on] accot: [the] R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to cause the same to be travers'd on board Ship King William, except the seven following, which are to be brought ashore for our Viewing Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David bales  
order'd to be  
travers'd on  
board King  
William.

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |         |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|
| L C F N <sup>o</sup> 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bale | 1       |
| 2                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
| L C M N <sup>o</sup> 1   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
| 2                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
| L C O N <sup>o</sup> 2 X | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
| S A O N <sup>o</sup> 10  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
| L C B N <sup>o</sup> D   | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 1       |
|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | <hr/>   |
|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      | Bales 7 |

Order'd that the Paymaster go aboard to muster Ship Fames men and report the same.

Ship Fame's  
men to be  
muster'd.  
Pags: 15000  
order'd ye:  
Jo: Stock  
Merchants

The Joint Stock Merchants importuneing us very much for money, It is order'd that Fifteen thousand Pagodas be paid them in further part of their Contract dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: August 1700.

Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated, 3<sup>mo</sup>: Instant to Paragraph 11, read and approv'd.

Letter to ye:  
Comp<sup>s</sup>: read.

Peter des Pommare &c<sup>a</sup>: arrac farmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Twelve hundred and Fifty Pagodas, and is in full for that ffarm for one year ending the 14<sup>th</sup>: December last.

Pags: 1250  
paid into  
Cash accot:  
the arrac  
farm.

Order'd that one hundred Pagodas be paid Nicholas Audney, and seventy two Pagodas to M<sup>r</sup>: Roger Braddyll being for two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, both dated 27 past, also Twenty five Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid Wotta Lingua for three months Town Conicoplys Duty ending the ultimo January last.

Two Bills  
from Fort St:  
David  
order'd to be  
discharg'd &  
Pags: 25  
paid Wotta  
Lingua

Last night Sen<sup>r</sup>: Manuch and Ramapa returning from the camp, this day they appear'd before us in Councill to give an accot: of their negotiation which is as follows.

Sen<sup>r</sup>:  
Maunch and  
Ramapa be-  
ing return'd  
from the  
camp, they  
give an accot:  
of their ne-  
gotiation  
there.

That when they came to the Camp they waited on the Nabob, hee having sent Ten horses and fifty foot to conduct 'em, who received 'em kindly, and order'd 'em to send for their Present, which hee accepted of, but the next day return'd it again, except some Tryflies, hee giving broad hints that, that was not a sufficient Present for him, and that his predecessor had ten times as much, hee also enveying against us in scurlous Language, reaping up the Business of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: Davids, how wee had kild Celiam Cawns brother and threatning revenge upon it. But two days after, our Agents having by their applycation to some of the principal officers in some measure passafied the Nabob, Duan and Buxie, hee sent again for his Present but still told 'em it was not near enough for him, hee having been at Court, where it had cost him a great deal of money

[3<sup>RD</sup>]

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for his Employ which hee must and would raise by some means or other, telling us that hee had an accot<sup>t</sup> of our Revenues, calculateing 'em at above one hundred thousand Pagodas p<sup>a</sup> annum. That wee had nothing to do with the Black Town, in which hee would put a Govern<sup>r</sup>: and constrain us to keep only to our Fort, and that hee also daily encouraged unjust complaints against us, telling 'em that he would first go to Tanjore, Tevenapatam and then come to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, when hee would ruin this Port and sett up that, after all which hee dismissed our Agents without any Perwanna or Tashereiff to the Governour as usuall, and write only a Letter referring to what they sho<sup>d</sup>: tell us and the Duan the same, both which are entered after this Consultation. The Duan also signing an insignificant Perwanna.

Our people meeting with the Mare wee sent the Nabob in the way, brought her back with them, who also inform us, that they were told by severall at the Camp, that this Dislike of the Nabob to us, is occasion'd through informations of some people of our own town, who not only make the court by it, but also participated a part of what can be extorted from us, who when discover'd, wee resolve shall pay not only for the present mischeif, but what has past in former times.

No further  
present to be  
made the  
Nabob &  
why.

So having well Debated & consider'd of what wee have been now inform'd as to the Demands & expectations of the Nabob, 'Tis unanimously resolved that no further Present be made to him unless it be so Triviall a sum as not worth our Disputeing, otherwise wee shall intale an excessive charge upon the Company for ever, for if a new Nabob should be sent every month they would expect the same. 'Tis further agreed that our Garrison be put and kept in the best posture of Defence it's capable of, resolveing to stand the Event, and advise Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David to do y<sup>e</sup>: same.

Small pre-  
sent made to  
Omar Cawn  
& why.

Omar Cawn late Goven<sup>r</sup>: Coverapawke having been very assisting to our Merchants where they make cloth, and being a considerable man and suddainly design'd for the King's Court, where hee may be helpfull to us, and designing this evening to make the Govern<sup>r</sup>: a Vissit, it is agreed the following Present be made him Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                       |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                     |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|
| Crimson ...           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 Y <sup>ds</sup> . |
| A small Looking Glass | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |                     |
| Sword blade           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1                   |
| Hubble-bubbles...     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2                   |

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

FROM DOUD CAWN TO THE GOV<sup>r</sup>: OF CHINNAPATAM.

I wish the Governour all health.

Received  
23. Febr'y:  
1700

I received the friendly Letter you sent me by Doctor Manuch and your Vaqueel, and observe the contents thereof, and have likewise heard their request, and have given them my answer thereto which they will acquaint you with. Pray write me often of your health.

FROM DUAN MAHOMUD SYDE TO THE GOV<sup>r</sup>: OF CHINNAPATAM.

Recd: 2d:  
February  
1700

I received your kind Letter by Doctor Manuch and Ramapa your Vaqueel and observe what you mention therein, and according to your desire have sign'd the Perwanna only some articles omitted, which Doctor Manuch and Ramapa will acquaint you with, & likewise inform you what is fitt to be done in this matter.

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[3<sup>RD</sup>]

• Ship Gosfright Edward Harrison Comander saild for Policherry, by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of yesterdays date to be forwarded from thence. 4.

Ship Fame fired a Gun and put abroad her Colours to give notice that she was full. 5.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup>.*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON    THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The remaining part of the Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated 7<sup>mo</sup>: Instant, read, approved & sign'd. Genl: to the Comp<sup>a</sup>: all read.

• M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Three thous<sup>d</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: Silver and Goods sold. Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3000 paid into Cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

Order'd that Emanuel de Rosairo and Emanuel de Goma be Entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison, and John Coerse be Discharg'd from the Gunroom. Soldiers entertain'd

The Brown Goods sent from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: being come from the Washers, the Warehousekeeper &c<sup>a</sup>: are order'd to sort them by the Metchlepatam Musters and report the same. Metchlepatam Goods to be sorted by Musters in this place.

The Paymaster reports Ship Fames Company to be Eighty one men & Boys. Ship Fames men 81.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS: ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Delivered the Comander of Ship Fame his Dispatch for England with the Box of Letters and Pacquett to the Company. 7.

This morning S<sup>r</sup>: Charles Eyre & the Comand<sup>r</sup>: went on board the Fame and about 5 a clock in the evening she saild for England. 8.

Ship S<sup>ta</sup>: Cruse Ignatius Marcoss Pilot arrived from Macow in China.

Ship Rubie Zacharia Stilgo Master saild for Batavia, by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of York Fort supposing she'l touch there in her return hither.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant. Dispatch'd Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date. 9.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup>*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>.  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON    THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The President read his acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash for the month January last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 11224: 31: 4. Acet: Cash for Jan<sup>y</sup>: read.

[10<sup>TH</sup>]

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1700-1 —

The Presid<sup>ts</sup>:  
Letters to  
Court com-  
plaining of  
ye: Nabob,  
read.

The Presidents Letters to Assed Cawn grand Vizier and Zulphaker Cawn, and to their sec<sup>rys</sup>: Tullsedas and Wottumchund, representing the ill treatment of our agents sent to Doud Cawn and his unreasonable Demands upon this place, read and approved, and agreed to be sent them.

Letter from  
Metchlepm:  
Metchlepm:  
Bill to be  
paid.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 23<sup>d</sup>: January last, read.

Ordered that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 471: 3: 3 be paid the Pre[sident] being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Metchlepatam dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: January last.

Letter from  
Fort St:  
David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated y<sup>e</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Fort St:  
David bill  
to be paid.

Ordered that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 431: 4: 0 be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Roger Braddyll, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort St: David dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
paid for  
defraying  
charges  
Garrison.

Order'd that one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Soldiers &  
Gunnars  
entertain'd  
& discharg<sup>d</sup>.

Order'd that Christian Mathison, Jeronamo Tesmar and John West be entertain'd in the Gunroom, and Edward Donkester a souldier in the Garrison and that Richard Hacklet be Discharg'd therefrom upon his request.

Topaz soldier  
allow'd Pay  
dureing his  
Voyage from  
Bencoolen  
hither, &  
why.

Antony de Rosairo Portuguez souldier who came over from Bencoolen <sup>to</sup> Ship Thankfull, Petitioning us for Pay dureing his passage hither, It is agreed for his and others encouragement, that the same be allowed, in consideration he has serv'd the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company about twelve years there and had the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>rs</sup>: &c<sup>as</sup>: leave for his return.

Storekeepers  
accot: for  
4 mths:  
ending Dec  
last, read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Bett prov<sup>l</sup>: storekeeper (by M<sup>r</sup>: Wigmore) read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the months of September, October, November & December last.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Received <sup>to</sup> Boat Generall Letter from the Chief &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Maddapollam dated 29<sup>th</sup>: Jan<sup>ry</sup>: last, incloseing the Tandells receipt for 7 Timbers sent <sup>to</sup> said Boat.

Late this night arrived Ship Gosfright Edward Harrison Comander from Policherry.

14.

Ship Chandra Shacrum Tandell arrived from Vautarah.

Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as <sup>to</sup> List.

In the night Ketch St: Anthony Peter Eyes Mast<sup>r</sup>: saild for Metchlepatam, by whom sent Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to the Chief &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of yesterdays date, incloseing Bill Lading and Invoice for Factors Provisions Laden on her amount-  
ing to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 63: [21]

SATURDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup>.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL.

Mint accot:  
for January  
read.

The President read his Mint acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month January last, particulars  
Viz<sup>t</sup>:

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[15<sup>TH</sup>]To Custom on Gold coin'd in y<sup>e</sup>: Mint Pa. 116: 35.

Generall Letters from Maddapollam dated 29<sup>th</sup>: past, and from Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: with copy of Mr: John Pitts Comission rec<sup>d</sup>: [ . . . ] Tankerville &c<sup>a</sup>: frivolous papers read. Letters &c<sup>a</sup>: papers rec<sup>d</sup>: & sent read.

Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company of yes[terday] to Parag: 11, read and approved.

Order'd that Three hundred Pagodas be advanc'd to Paulo &c<sup>a</sup>: Washers for cureing the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C: Cloth. To ye; Washers paid 300 pag<sup>s</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 16,000 paid into Cash by the Warehouse-keeper.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys cash sixteen thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver and Goods sold. Persons entertain'd in y<sup>e</sup>: Gun-room. Ship King Wms: Charterparty money paid y<sup>e</sup>: Comr: Betteelas of 40 & 50 coveds wanting in goodness taken in upon abatement.

Order'd that Peter Peterson & Simon Corneli[ous] be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

The 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant the Comander of Ship King William requesting the money allow'd by Charterparty, the same was accordingly paid him being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 928: 8: 72: the amo<sup>t</sup>: of Fifteen hundred Ryalls of eight.

The Warehousekeeper reports that the 40 & 50 Coved Betteelas don't answer the numbers Contracted for, It is therefore orderd that they be sorted to lower numbers and taken, in abateing proportionably as from N<sup>o</sup>. 1 to N<sup>o</sup>. 2.

The following Goods being taken out of Bales orderd ashore from ships Neptune and Benjamin for our Inspecting the Goodness & prizes of the Metchlepatam, Vizagapatam & Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David Goods, It is agreed that the same be now Embaled & sent to England w<sup>th</sup> Ship King William Viz:

|                      |     |     |     |                     |                    |                                                                                           |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Dimities             | ... | ... | ... | N <sup>o</sup> . 5. | 3 p <sup>s</sup> : | Receiv'd: w <sup>th</sup> Ship Neptune from Metchlepatam.                                 |
| Gulcondah Betteelas  | ... | ... | ... | 8.                  | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Collowapoos          | ... | ... | ... | 1.                  | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Alajars              | ... | ... | ... | 1.                  | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Romalls              | ... | ... | ... | 21.                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Soccraguntee         | ... | ... | ... | 1.                  | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Salampores fine      | ... | ... | ... | 2.                  | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Romalls              | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3 p <sup>s</sup> : |                                                                                           |
| Chints               | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Alajars              | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Gulcondah Betteela's | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 | Rec <sup>d</sup> : w <sup>th</sup> Ship Benjamin from Metchlepatam.                       |
| Callowapoos          | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Diaper               | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Izaree               | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Long Cloth fine      | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Sal Pecada's         | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Sawderancherry       | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Betteelas Oringall   | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Gingham Sheets       | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Salampores fine      | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Chints               | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 | 9 p <sup>s</sup> : rec <sup>d</sup> : w <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> . from Vizagapatam]. |
| Long Cloth fine      | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Sal Pecadoes         | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Long Cloth fine      | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 3.                 |                                                                                           |
| Betteela's           | ... | ... | ... | N <sup>o</sup> . 1. | 9 p <sup>s</sup> : |                                                                                           |
| Betteela's           | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 8.                 | } Rec: w <sup>th</sup> d <sup>o</sup> : from Ft: S <sup>t</sup> : David.                  |
| Neckcloths           | ... | ... | ... | ...                 | 2.                 |                                                                                           |

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M. EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

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16. Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 14<sup>th</sup>: Instant.  
 17. Ship Prince Charles Fredrick Bloome Comander arrived from Canton in China.

Ship Thankfull Joseph Lein Master arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, by whom received Bill Lading for 308 bales of the Companys on board her, with copy of their Diary and Consultations for the preceeding year.

The following order was sign'd by the Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Councill.

Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
 David bales  
 travers'd on  
 board K.  
 Wm: for  
 England.

Ship Thankfull being this morning arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David with 308 bales of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: of that place, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to ca[rry] the same to be Travers'd on board the King William except the following, which are to be sent ashore for our Viewing.

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |               |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| F D                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Bale 1        |
| L C F N <sup>o</sup> . 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| S V C 2                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| O R B + 2                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| B E F 25                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| L X O B 2                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| S A O B 9+               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
| M E                      |     |     |     |     |     |               |
| L C O B D                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 1           |
|                          |     |     |     |     |     | <hr/> Bales 7 |

THOMAS PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THOMAS WRIGHT.  
 MATT: EMPSON.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
 DAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

[Ba]les  
 being wanted  
 for K. Wm:  
 twenty-five  
 [bales] of  
 midling Lo:  
 Cloth[to] be  
 ship'd on  
 board.

The Comander reporting that the K. William will want about 100 Bales more than wee have ready made up, excepting twenty bales of midling Long Cloth N<sup>o</sup>: 3 brought in exceeding what Contra[cted] for, It is therefore agreed (rather than the ship go home dead freighted) that the said 25 bales be shipped on board, and the merchants to be allow'd as for the rest of that sort.

Bengall  
 Canvass 100  
 bolts to be  
 Laden for  
 England.  
 The Ball: of  
 James  
 Eustace  
 estate paid  
 into cash.

Order'd that one hundred Bolts of Bengall Canvass be Laden on board the King William for England.

Mr: Matthew Empson late Paymaster pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 119: 26: 2[...] being the Ballance of Mr: James Eustace de [ceased] his Estate as  $\Psi$  acco<sup>t</sup>: now produc'd.

Gulcondah  
 Betteelas  
 from Met-  
 chlepatam  
 pris'd here.

Whereas the Chief and Councill of Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: have sent up nine Bales Gulcondah Betteelas white Viz<sup>t</sup>: five Bales N<sup>o</sup>: 2 and four Bales N<sup>o</sup>: [3] to be Prized here, in which being very much to seek, however wee charge N<sup>o</sup>: 2 at Pag<sup>s</sup>: [ 55 & ] N<sup>o</sup>. 3 at 50 Pag<sup>s</sup>:  $\Psi$  Corge, but what abatem<sup>t</sup>: upon

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those prizes to be brought to the Company's credit.

And there were severall other Goods sent Brown, which are wash'd here and priz'd by guess as  $\text{p}$  Invoice.

[19<sup>th</sup>]

Other Goods from Metchleptm; also priz'd here.

The Paymaster is order'd to muster ship King Williams men and report the same.

Ship K. Wms: men to be muster'd. Mr: Lovell has leave to proceed a voyage upon his giving Bond to return.

Mr: Thomas Lovell having severall times made application to the Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Council to m[ake] a Voyage to China, offering to give security of Three thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: to return by the same ship hee proceeds on, in order to answer what shall be charg'd upon him dureing his management at Metchlepatam. The Bond being now deliver'd us, It is agreed, that hee proceeds his Voyage.

Letter from St: David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 14<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN: MEVERELL.

Received from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David their Pacquet [to] the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company. 20.

Ship Pearl Samuel Heaton Comander and Mr: Thomas Lovell Supra cargo saild for China. 21.

Ship King William fired a Gun and spread abroad her Colours to give notice that she's full. 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION  
Present

SATURDAY  
D<sup>o</sup>:

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Answer to the Auditor Generalls Letter of this date (which is order'd to be sign'd by the accomptant) and further part of Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated the 14<sup>th</sup>: & 21<sup>st</sup>: In<sup>st</sup> from Parag: 11 to 18 read and approved.

The accompts: Letter to the Auditor & further part of Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter, to y<sup>e</sup>: Rt: H: C: read. Mr: Bulls salary to the time of his laying down the service order'd to be paid. Ship K. Wms: company 116. [Council to] meet on monday to Dispatch the King William.

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3: 28: 4 be paid Mr: William Bull, being for half salary at £15:  $\text{p}$  annum from the 29<sup>th</sup> Septemher to the 21<sup>st</sup>: Decemb<sup>r</sup>: last the time of his laying down the Comp<sup>s</sup>: service.

The paymaster reports ship King William's Company of men to be one hundred & sixteen.

Agreed that the Council meet on Monday noon, in order to Dispatch the King William.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO WRIGHT.

M. EMPSON.

JOHN MEVERELL.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: January last, 24<sup>th</sup> adviseing their having received of their Contract about 2000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: since last Goods sent us  $\text{p}$  the Dorothy.

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 1700-1 —

MONDAY  
[24<sup>TH</sup>]

ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ten barrells  
of powder  
to be delivd:  
ye: Comr:  
of K. Wm:  
for so much  
spared at  
Vizagapm:  
Letter to ye:  
Comp<sup>a</sup>: read  
& sign'd.  
A souldier  
entertain'd.  
Letter from  
Vizagapm:  
read.  
Mr:  
Braddylls  
Debt paid  
into cash.  
[Fowke]  
entertain'd  
in ye:  
Gunroom.

The Storekeeper is order'd to deliver Ten Barrells of English powder to Cap<sup>t</sup>: John Braddley being so much spared the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam for the use of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company as advis'd by their Letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: Septemb<sup>r</sup>:

The remaining part of the Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dated the 14<sup>th</sup>: & 21<sup>st</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: read, approved & sign'd.

Order'd that Emanuel Segus be allow'd Pay as Souldier from the 1<sup>st</sup>: Instant, hee having done Duty from that time, but omitted bei[ng] Enter'd before.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 11<sup>th</sup>: January last, read.

Mr: Roger Braddyll pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1: 5: being the Ballance of his acco<sup>t</sup>: in the Generall Books.

Order'd that Randolph Fowke be Entertained [in] the Gunroom.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
Jo: MEVERELL.

24<sup>TH</sup>.  
[26].

Deliver'd the Comander of Ship King William his Dispatch for England.

Last night the Comander of Ship King William &c<sup>a</sup>: went on board, and this morning very early the said ship sailed for England.

27.

Per Pattamars received Generall Letter from S<sup>r</sup>: John Gayer on board Ship Tavistock at Swalley Bars foot dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: December last, also Generall Letter from the Presid<sup>t</sup>: & Councill of Surat dated 3<sup>rd</sup>: ditto &c<sup>a</sup>: papers mentioned in both Pacquets.

MARCH 1.

By Armenian Cosseds received Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from the President & Councill of Surat, dated the 31<sup>st</sup>: December last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed.

2.

Ship Meerah Madud Neenah Pilla Tandell arrived from Bengall.

Ship Codumbah Abdula Cawn Noquedah arriv'd: from Vizagapatam.

MONDAY 8.

ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS MARSHALL  
MATTHEW EMPSON JOHN MEVERELL.

Acco: Cash  
for February  
[& acco<sup>t</sup>:]  
Fees for  
Passes.

The President read his acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash for the month February last, the Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 13264: 18 and Charles Bugden Secretary read his acco<sup>t</sup>: Fees for Passes for ditto month amo<sup>t</sup>: to Four Pag<sup>s</sup>: and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2: 24 their part.

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[3<sup>RD</sup>]

The President pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash one hundred & four Pag<sup>s</sup>: being for<sup>3</sup>mission of Passage of the following persons for England.

|                               |     |     |     |     |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------|
| M : Roger Braddyll            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 26 |
| M <sup>r</sup> : William Bull | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 26                  |
| Dorothy Phrip                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 26                  |
| Richard Phrip                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 26                  |

Permission money for Passengers paid into Cash.

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John Leonard & Edward Pocock were Entertain'd in the Gunroom, and Henry Warren[as]souldier on the 26<sup>th</sup>: past, Ralph Freeman on 27<sup>th</sup>: ditto and Peter Labut the 1<sup>st</sup>: Instant both [as] souldiers, which are now confirm'd.

Persons entertain'd in the Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Fleetwood late Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: of York Fort, delivers his answer to such articles which lye undecided in the charge exhibited against him at the West Coast, which is referred to further consideration.

Mr: Cha: Fleetwoods memom: on the charge ag<sup>t</sup>: him. Letters received, read.

Generall Letters from Surat dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: [&] 31<sup>st</sup>: December and from Generall Sr: Jn<sup>o</sup>: Gayer on board the Tavistock at Swally Bars foot dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: d<sup>o</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: papers in both Pacquet all read.

Order'd that one thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison:

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 order'd ye: Paym<sup>r</sup>: Persons entd: & discharg'd the Garrison.

Order'd that Francisco de Rosairo be entertain'd a Souldier and John Palmeek be Dis[charg'd] from the Gunroom.

The President produces a Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: of Fort St: David, advising that hee heard Seliam Cawn was approaching that place with a body of horse, wherein hee desires orders for leave to cutt down Gardens near the Fort, as also to send 'em some mortar shells. Resolved that an answer thereto be immediately wrote them and that all necessary supplys be sent by the Madrass Pinnace, as Ten Candys of Brimstone and Plank for carriages.

Advice from Fort St: David [abt: ] Moors approaching 'em [with] horse. Necessary orders and supplys & stores sent 'em.

Order'd that Three hundred fifty one Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid Viz<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 120 to the owners of Par Recovery being for freight of 160 Bales, and Pag<sup>s</sup>: 231 to the owners of ship Thankfull, being for 308 bales from Fort St: David, at  $\frac{3}{4}$  pag<sup>s</sup>:  $\frac{1}{2}$  Bale,

Freight for Bales from Fort St: David order'd to be paid.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

This evening Dispatch'd Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to Fort St: David of this date.  
Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dat<sup>d</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant.  
Ship Prince Charles Fredrick Bloome Comander belonging to the Danes saild for Tringombar.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
6<sup>TH</sup>.

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Ordered that Two thousand five hundred Pagodas be paid to Botchu Chittee and Two thousand five hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: to Colenda Chittee, be [ing] for two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort St: David, both dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Letter from St: David, read. Two Bills from Ft: St: David order'd to be paid

[6<sup>TH</sup>]

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Letter to F<sup>t</sup> :  
S<sup>t</sup> : David,  
read.

Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David of this date read and approv'd.

The  
Merchts :  
Loowers on  
808 bales  
provided  
by them.  
The ware-  
housekeeper  
to examine  
their  
complaint  
& report y<sup>e</sup> :

The Joint Stock Merchants delivers in an acco<sup>t</sup> : of Pag<sup>s</sup> : 4964 : 7 Loss upon 808 Bales Calico[es] Laden on board the King William, which acc[o<sup>ts</sup>] being now deliver'd the Warehousekeeper, hee is order'd to make his report thereof.

same.  
Price of  
Rupees  
limited.  
Warehouse  
acco<sup>t</sup> : for  
mo :  
Decemb<sup>r</sup> :  
read.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to sell Rup<sup>s</sup> : as much under as hee can but not exceeding 345 for one hundred Pagodas.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright warehousekeeper read his acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month Decem-ber last.

Whereas M<sup>r</sup> : James Sowdon makes his demand of Ry<sup>ls</sup> : 253 : 1 : 1 for so much over paid by him upon his delivery of the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash at York Fort to M<sup>r</sup> : Charles Fleetwood.

The  
accompt : to  
report y<sup>e</sup> :  
examination,  
as to M<sup>r</sup> :  
Sowdon's  
demand of  
Cash over  
paid by him  
at York Fort.

The accomptant is order'd to Examine the Generall Books of that place and M<sup>r</sup> : Sowdons acco<sup>t</sup> : Cash dureing his time, and report the same.

[M<sup>r</sup> :]  
Peachies  
credit to be  
paid him. -  
Gunner  
discharg'd

Order'd that one hundred nineteen Pag<sup>s</sup> : & four Cash be paid M<sup>r</sup> : Jeremiah Peachie, being for Rupees 416 : 9 : 10 brought to his credit in the Bengall Books, and transfer'd from thence into our Books here.

Order'd that Richard Barker be Discharg'd from the Gunroom at his request.

THO : PITT.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

THO : WRIGHT.

M : EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

8.

The Madrass Pinnace John Lein Master saild for Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David.

Dispatch'd overland Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 6<sup>th</sup> : Instant, incloseing Inv[oices] & Bill Lading for Sundry Stores Laden on Madrass Pinnace for that place.

TUESDAY  
11.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL

The Councill being duly summon'd

M<sup>r</sup> : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Paymasters  
accots : f r  
mo : Janry :  
read.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco<sup>t</sup> : Disbursements for the month Jan<sup>ry</sup> : last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                     |     |     |     |     |      |            |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Charges Garrison    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa : | 1072 : 24. |
| Charges Cattle      | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 14 : 7.    |
| Charges Diet        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 267 : 33.  |
| Charges Merchandize | ... | ... | ... | ... | "    | 66 : —     |

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[11<sup>TH</sup>]

|                              |     |     |     |     |     |          |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| Charges Generall             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 383: 31. |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Presents | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 234: 15. |
| Charges Extraordinary        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50: 6.   |
| Fortifications & repairs     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18: 29.  |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2048: 1.

Order'd that Lawrance Qualo & Jn<sup>o</sup>: Gonsolvo Portuguez be Entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison.

Soldiers entetarin'd.

There being a Petition deliver'd in to the President and Council by some people who were to be concern'd in the Arrac ffarm [granted to] Peter des Pommare, setting forth a notorious injustice done them by him, for that they agreed with him to come in half concern in the ffarm, for which hee gave 'em a writeing under his hand, but after wee had granted him the Cowle, Gruapah, Ancanah &c<sup>a</sup>: went to him to concert matters about the ffarms he bid 'em bring his obligation, upon view of which he tore it, and told 'em they had nothing to do with it, upon Examination of which action, wee found it to be true and Peter des Pommare confes'd the same, and likewise it appears to us, that the aforesaid Peter des Pommare has been very active in contriveing ways and means to lessen the yearly income of this ffarm, in so much, that whilst wee were treating with persons about it, and endeavouring to raise it, he gott people that were inclinable to take it under writeings not to bid above his own terms, so to discountenance such practices, so notorious prejudiciall to the Companys Revenues, besides for his infamous action for tareing the obligation he gave 'em, wee revoke our Cowle of the 15<sup>th</sup>: December last, and make him for ever uncapable of ffarming any of the Company's Revenues, and as a farther marke of our Displeasure, wee fine him Twenty Pag<sup>s</sup>: to be paid the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, and Twenty Pag<sup>s</sup>: to the poor of our Church, and forthwith to deliver up all utencills and ingredients for Distilling of arrac unto Gruapah, Ancanah &c<sup>a</sup>: they paying for the same, who are to continue the ffarm dureing the time prescrib'd in the form<sup>r</sup>: Cowle granted unto Peter des Pommare.

The Cowle for the arrac farm granted to Peter des Pommare revoked & why.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THO<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Saram Thomas Plumbe Comander arriv'd from Quedda & Acheen.

13<sup>TH</sup>.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

TH<sup>URSDAY</sup>  
Do:

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT &amp; GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letters to Metchlepatam, Madapoll<sup>m</sup>: and Vizagapatam all of yesterday date, read & approved.

Letters to the subordinate factories, read.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 order'd ye:  
Paym<sup>t</sup>: &  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 for carrying on the new works.

Order'd that one thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison, and one thousand Pagodas [be] advanc'd for carrying on the Black Town wall and new works.

[13<sup>TH</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1700-1—

Land Custom  
accots: for  
mo: January  
read, &

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his acc<sup>ts</sup>: for the month January:  
last, Particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                   |     |               |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | Pa: 70: 5: 70 |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | 11: 1: 70     |
| Town Rents        | ... | 16: 17: 33    |
| Registring Slaves | ... | -: 16: -      |

Pag : 98: 5: 13

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 91  
paid into  
Cash on that  
accot:  
Letter from  
Ft: St.  
David, read.

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash ninety one Pag<sup>s</sup>: on that account.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, dated 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers, read.

Ten candy of  
Gunpowder  
to be sent to  
Vizagapatam.

The storekeeper is order'd to get ready Ten Candy Gunpowder to send by  
the first good Vessell bound to Vizagapatam, the Chiefe and Councill having  
wrote for a supply.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Ship Pombrupa Simon Rodrigues Comander arrived from Macow in China.

Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam, dated the 25<sup>th</sup>: & 26<sup>th</sup>: february  
with their accot: Cash for the month January last, and by the same Pattamars  
received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam, dated the 5<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

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By a Country Boat Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Metchlepatam, dated the  
12<sup>th</sup>: Instant, inclosing a paper to Mr: John Pitt the new Comp<sup>s</sup>: Presid<sup>t</sup>: there,  
dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: past, and our Generall to the Chief & Councill at Madapollam,  
dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant, also sent another Generall Letter to Metchlepatam of  
yesterdays date.

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Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Anthony Manuel Gonsalvas Com<sup>r</sup>: arrived from Macow in China.

18

Ship Danceborough Stephen Meyer Comander arrived from Quedda.

THURSDAY  
20.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: ELLIS & MEVERELL. Indispos'd.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2957:  
2 paid into  
Cash for  
fanams  
coin'd.  
The Ware-  
housekeepers  
paper by  
way of  
answer to  
the Jo:  
stock  
Mercht<sup>s</sup>:  
complaint of  
their Loss  
on 808 bale.

The President Mintmaster pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2957: 2<sup>o</sup>  
being for silver ffanams coin'd in the Mint.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper delivers in a paper as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>:

In persuance to an order of Consultation, dated the 6<sup>th</sup>: Instant, the Ware-  
housekeeper reports that he has examin'd the accot: deliver'd in by Serapa &c<sup>a</sup>:  
Joint Stock Merchants of what lost on the 808 Bales Laden on ship King William,  
and finds their accot: to be cast up pretty right, but compareing the Invoices of  
what Long Cloth midling, Long Cloth ordinary and Salampores ordinary (by  
which they are the greatest losers, the rest being inconsiderable) were Laden on

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1700-1—

[20<sup>TH</sup>]

the Neptune, Benjamine, Howland and King William, I find the Long Cloth midling to come out Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|              |     |     |     |     |                               |                 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ship Neptune | ... | ... | ... | ... | at Pag <sup>s</sup> : 41 : 38 | } $\Psi$ Corge. |
| Benjamine    | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 40 : 17                     |                 |
| Howland      | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 89 : 2                      |                 |
| King William | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 37 : 22                     |                 |

Long Cloth ordinary Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|              |     |     |     |     |                              |                 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ship Neptune | ... | ... | ... | ... | at Pag <sup>s</sup> : 29 : 6 | } $\Psi$ Corge. |
| Benjamine    | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 29 : 13                    |                 |
| Howland      | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 28 : 25                    |                 |
| King William | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 27 : 12                    |                 |

Saampores Midling or Ordinary Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|              |     |     |     |     |                               |                 |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Ship Neptune | ... | ... | ... | ... | at Pag <sup>s</sup> : 10 : 3  | } $\Psi$ Corge. |
| Benjamine    | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 11 : 12                     |                 |
| Howland      | ... | ... | ... | ... | at Pag <sup>s</sup> : 13 : 11 |                 |
| King William | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 15 : 3                      |                 |

and I presume the reason why the Long Cloth midling and Long Cloth ordinary  $\Psi$  Ship King William did not come up to the Prizes of the premen-tion'd ships is, that it was not so good as the Cloth  $\Psi$  those ships, there being few or none, N<sup>o</sup> : 5  $\Psi$ ships Neptune and Benjamin, and a very small quantity of short and narrow Cloth, of which there is considerable quantity of both  $\Psi$  the King William, and had the Merchants complain'd before the Goods were Laden on board, I presume they might have had the satisfaction of yo<sup>r</sup> : Hon<sup>rs</sup> : &c<sup>as</sup> : peruseall of them, to see if the sorters had done them any wrong, for they were daily in the Godown when the Goods were sorted, and knew what numbers they were sorted to.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month January last and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash Fourteen thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup> : Rupees and Goods sold, and Four hundred ninety six Pagodas and 20 fanams, being for Torn and turn'd out Cloth sold at Outcry of the old Contract, for w<sup>ch</sup> : the Joint Stock Merchants are order'd to have credit.

Warehouse  
acco<sup>t</sup> : for  
mo :  
January  
read, and  
14,000 Pag<sup>s</sup> :  
paid into  
Cash for  
Goods &c<sup>s</sup> :  
sold &  
Pag<sup>s</sup> : 496 :  
20 for Torn  
& turn'd out  
Cloth  
belonging  
to the  
Merchants.  
Stewards  
acco<sup>ts</sup> : for  
Janry : &  
Febry : read.  
A soldier  
entertain'd.

Mr : Henry Davenport read his Stewards acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the months of January & February last, which are passed.

Orderd that Joseph de Lamoose Portuguez be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Mr : Matthew Empson read his sea Custom acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the months November & December last particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                                             |     |     |     |     |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| Novr : To Custom Nil                        | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa : 303 : — : — |
| To Freight of ship Howland from Vizagapatam | ... | ... | ... | ... |                  |
| and Merchlepatam                            | ... | ... | ... | ... | , 61 : 22 : 50   |

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash One thousand Pagodas on that account.

Sea Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup> : for  
mos : Novr :  
& December  
read, &

Mr : Thomas Harris Petitioning us to be Discharg'd the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : service, his Intended time being long since elaps'd, the same is readily granted, and his salary order'd to be paid him from the 29<sup>th</sup> : September last to this day, being Pag<sup>s</sup> : 16 : 4.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
paid into  
Cash on that  
acco<sup>t</sup> :  
Thomas  
Harris  
discharg'd  
the Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
service at his  
request.  
Letters from  
Vizagapatam :  
read.

Generall Letters from Vizagapatam dated the 25<sup>th</sup> : & 26<sup>th</sup> : February last, read.

[20TH]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, MARCH 1700-1—

The apprehension of troubles from y<sup>e</sup>: Nabob. Rashboots to be entertain'd & Peons discharg'd.

Wee not only having the news from our own people at the Camp, but it being the Generall report of the whole Country that Doud Cawn intends to come to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, who wee are confident has ill designs against us, and to prevent his effecting the same, it requires our utmost endeavours, therefore wee order that the Paymaster entertains what Rashboots offer their service (they being people most to be rely'd upon in time of troubles) and that he returns out as many Peons in the room of them.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

22. Ship Mahomud, Mahomadoo Noquedah arrived from Quedda.  
25. Ship Noss Senhorah de Rosairo Edward Bell Pilot sailed for Bengall, by whom sent General Letter to the President & Councill of Fort William dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant.  
27. By a Country Boat (which saild this day) Eram chittee Tandell, sent Generall Letter to y<sup>e</sup>: Cheif and Councill at Vizagapatam of y<sup>e</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup>: & 26<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for Gunpowder &c<sup>a</sup>: Laden on said Boat.

THURSDAY  
27TH

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL  
MR: ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Gunner entertain'd.  
The Rentall Genll: & scavengers accots: read & money paid into cash on both accots:

Order'd that Claus Simerson be Entert<sup>d</sup>: in the Gunroom.

Mr: Francis Bett Rentall Generall & Scavenger read his accounts, and pays into y<sup>e</sup>: R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Viz<sup>t</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 385: 28 on the former accot<sup>t</sup>: ending the last August 1699, and Pag<sup>s</sup>: 272: 4 on the latter ending the la<sup>st</sup>] September 1700, being the Ballance of both those Accot<sup>ts</sup>: to that time.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 500 paid into Cash on accot<sup>t</sup>: Tobacco sold.

Mr: Richard Hunt Tobacco Manager pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Five hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: on Accot<sup>t</sup>: Tobacco sold.

Storekeepers Accots: for Janry: Febr'y: read.

Mr: Francis Bett Prov<sup>t</sup>: Storekeeper read his accot<sup>ts</sup>: for the months January & February last.

David Davis Debt to Francis Bett paid him.

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 5: 21 be paid Mr: Francis Bett, being so much indebted to him by David Davis deceas'd, who hath Credit in our books.

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[27<sup>TH</sup>]

The Warehousekeeper was Order'd to deliver the storekeeper Forty Candy salt-petre to make Powder in January last, but omitted to be enter'd till now, and he is now order'd to deliver Forty Candy more for the same use.

Salt-petre  
formerly  
deliver'd  
for making  
powder but  
omitted  
being  
enter'd.  
Salt-petre  
order'd for  
makeing  
powder.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

S<sup>ta</sup> : Mareiah Andrew Holland master arrived from Pegu.

31.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David of yesterdays date.

APRIL 2.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
3.

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys cash, Three thousand five hundred Pag<sup>s</sup> : on Acco<sup>t</sup> : Rupees & Goods sold.

Pag<sup>s</sup> :  
3500 paid  
into Cash by  
the Ware-  
housekeeper  
for Goods  
&ca : sold.  
Last half  
years salary  
to be drawn  
out.

The accountant is order'd to draw out the Acco<sup>t</sup> : salary due to the R<sup>t</sup> : H : Comp<sup>s</sup> : servants for the last half year ending the 25<sup>th</sup> : March last.

Paymasters  
Febry :  
moths :  
acco<sup>ts</sup> :  
read.

Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month February last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                             |     |     |     |     |                           |          |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|----------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 1049 : | 23       |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 15 : 14  |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 673 : 19 |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 363 : 31 |
| Acco : Presents             | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 58 : 13  |
| Metchlepatam                | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 3 : 28   |
| Fort S <sup>t</sup> . David | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 2 : 12   |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 14 : 23  |
| Charges Merchandize         | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 1 : 14   |
| West Coast                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 6 : 34   |
| Fortification and Repairs   | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                         | 16 : 6   |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 2206 : 1

Order'd that one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : be paid Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1,000  
order'd ye :  
Paymr : for  
defraying  
expences.  
Land Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup> : for  
Febry : mo :  
read, &

Mr : John Meverell Land Customer read acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month February last particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                   |     |     |     |     |                         |              |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa <sup>s</sup> : 109 : | 16 : 25      |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                       | 3 : 31 : 58  |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                       | — 24 : —     |
| Confiscations     | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                       | 36 : 29 : 10 |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 150 : 29 : 13

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Pags : 144  
paid into  
Cash on that  
acco<sup>t</sup> :  
Richard  
Blackwall  
decd : Credit  
order'd to be  
paid.

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash one hundred forty four Pag<sup>s</sup> : on that account.

Doctor Richard Blackwall Deceas'd, his Estate having Credit in York Fort Books Ryalls 97 : 2 which at 17 Dollars ꝑ Ten Pag<sup>s</sup> : is Pag<sup>s</sup> : 57 : 12 : 4, but money paid his wife here by the Paymaster after his death &c<sup>a</sup> : amo<sup>t</sup> : to Pag<sup>s</sup> : 44 : 15 being first deducted, the remaining Pag<sup>s</sup> : 12 : 33 : 4 is order'd to be paid his Trustees, they demanding it.

Accot : re-  
mains for  
ye : year  
past to be  
brought in.  
Portuguez  
souldrs.  
entertd :

Order'd that the severall officers bring in an acco<sup>t</sup> : Remains of their respective Employes for the year past, ending the month.

Order'd that Thome de Rosairo, Joan Deas, and Anthony Deius Portuguez be Entertain'd souldiers in this Garrison.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS : ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
JOHN : MEVERELL.

4.

The Madrass Pinnace John Lein Mast<sup>r</sup> : arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David, and brought Generall Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> : dated the 2<sup>d</sup> : Ins<sup>t</sup> : incloseing Bill Lading for 58 Bales.

FRIDAY 4.

The following order was sign'd by the Gov<sup>r</sup> : & Councill.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade Fifty eight bales brought from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David by the Madrass Pinnace, who arrived here this morning.

THOMAS : PITT.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
MATT : EMPSON.  
THO : MARSHALL.  
JOHN : MEVERELL.

Ship Jerusalem William Rogers Master arrived from Pegu.

5.

Received ꝑ Pattamar Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 3<sup>d</sup> : Instant, with 2<sup>d</sup> : Bill Lading and Invoice for 58 bales ꝑ the Madrass Pinnace.

SATURDAY  
d<sup>o</sup>.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD<sup>r</sup> :

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
THOMAS WRIGHT                      MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL                  JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>a</sup> : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

[A] Portug-  
uez entertai-  
nd a soldier.  
Letters  
received,  
read.

The Joint  
Stock  
Merchts:  
complaint of,  
Loss on their  
Long Cloth  
ordinary  
remedied.

Ordered that Mathews Perira Portuguez be Entertain'd a souldier in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Govern<sup>r</sup> : of Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 2<sup>d</sup> : Instant, and from Gov<sup>r</sup> : and Councill dated 3<sup>d</sup> : Ditto, both read.

Serapa &c<sup>a</sup> : Joint stock Merchants having since the departure of the King William perus'd their acco<sup>ts</sup> : and finding that their ordinary Long Cloth gone home on that ship, is sorted down to a considerable less value than has been upon any former ships, whereof they have often complain'd to us, into which having made enquiry and finding it to be so as ꝑ the acco<sup>t</sup> : enter'd after this Consultation, the chief occasion of it, not being only that their Cloth comes out to Lower Numbers, but the alteration that has lately been made between N<sup>o</sup> : and N<sup>o</sup> : being considerably more than formerly, insomuch, that they declare they can't proceed

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further in their Contract, being great losers thereby, of which in some measure we being sensible, cotton being at this present very dear, and great Investments made by the French and Dutch near us, and the new Company to the Northward, and to prevent so great an evil of sending ships home dead freighted, We have thought fitting for encouragement of the Merchants, to order for the future, that the abatements between N<sup>o</sup>. & [N<sup>o</sup>.] be as formerly, before the making of these two last Contracts.

So to make an early provision for the Comp<sup>s</sup>: ships, and to keep possession of the Loomes, It is agreed that Twenty five thousand Pagodas be paid them in further part of their Contract dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: August 1700.

Money  
order'd the  
Joint stock  
Merchts:  
for carrying  
on their  
Contract.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS: ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the prizes of Long Cloth ordinary Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George, as received 1698.  
from the Merchants, w<sup>th</sup>: charges Washing &c<sup>s</sup>:

| Ship                                  | Corge. p <sup>s</sup> :                                                                                             | fa: ca.                        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Fame ...                              | 285: — amo <sup>ts</sup> : to Pag <sup>s</sup> : 7467: 12: 5 is Pag <sup>s</sup> : 26: 7: 1 <sup>¶</sup> Corge.     |                                |
| Thorndon ...                          | 168: — „ 4929: 80: — „ 29: 12: 2                                                                                    |                                |
| Martha ...                            | 756: — „ 22763: 26: 5 „ 30: 4: —                                                                                    |                                |
| W <sup>t</sup> : Coast Ab-<br>ednego. | 39: — „ 1039: 6: 3 „ 26: 23: 1                                                                                      |                                |
| Scepter ...                           | 172: 10 amo <sup>ts</sup> : to Pag <sup>s</sup> : 5081: 33: — [at] Pag <sup>s</sup> : 29: 16: 3 <sup>¶</sup> Corge. |                                |
| Neptune ...                           | 414: — „ 12162: 18: 2 „ 29: 13: 4                                                                                   |                                |
| Benjamin ...                          | 514: 10: „ 15117: 25: 2 „ 29: 13: 4                                                                                 |                                |
| W <sup>t</sup> : Coast Tryall.        | 45: — „ 1397: 18: — „ 29: 18: —                                                                                     |                                |
| Howland ...                           | 254: 2: „ 7368: 23: 3 „ 29: —: —                                                                                    |                                |
| Fame ...                              | 42: 10: „ 1172: 24: 4 „ 27: 21: 2                                                                                   |                                |
| King William ...                      | 638: 15: „ 17474: 2: 2 „ 27: 12: 2                                                                                  |                                |
| Corge 3329: 7                         |                                                                                                                     | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 95905: 5: 2 |

Ordinary Long Cloth from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

|              |     |         |                                 |                               |    |                              |   |        |
|--------------|-----|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|------------------------------|---|--------|
| Fame         | ... | 88: 10  | amo <sup>ts</sup> : to          | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2517: 30:— | is | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 28: 16: 1 | ¶ | Corge. |
| Martha       | ... | 90: 10  | "                               | 2909: 9: 1                    | "  | 32: 5: 1                     |   |        |
| Scepter      | ... | 310: 10 | "                               | 9934: 8:—                     | "  | 32 —:—                       |   |        |
| Neptune      |     |         |                                 |                               |    |                              |   |        |
| Benjamin     |     |         |                                 |                               |    |                              |   |        |
| Howland      | ... | 117:—   | "                               | 3655: 18:—                    | "  | 31: 8: 4                     |   |        |
| King William | ... | 421: 10 | "                               | 13869: 34: 3                  | "  | 31: 26:—                     |   |        |
|              |     |         |                                 |                               |    |                              |   |        |
| Corge        |     | 1028:—  | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 32386: 27: 4 |                               |    |                              |   |        |

The Madras Long Cloth as above, comes out one with another at Pag<sup>s</sup>: 28:  
<sup>fa</sup> 29: <sup>¶</sup> Corge.

The Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David ditto <sup>fa</sup> 31: 18: 1. Difference Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2: 25: 1 <sup>ca</sup> <sup>¶</sup> Corge is  
<sup>¶</sup> C<sup>t</sup>: 9 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>

Ship Dolphin Lockyer Watts Com<sup>and</sup>er arrived from Pegu.

Ship Bone Viago Ignatio Swarez Pilot<sup>arr</sup>: from Pegu.

The Advice frigate William Redhead Com<sup>and</sup>r: arrived from England.

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TUESDAY  
[8<sup>TH</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT, PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :  
 THOMAS WRIGHT                      MATTHEW EMPSON  
 THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL                  JOHN MEVERELL  
 M<sup>R</sup> : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Advice  
 frigate from  
 England :

The Treasure  
 &c<sup>a</sup> :  $\Psi$   
 Advice  
 [ordered]  
 to be  
 unladen.

The Advice frigate arriving this day from England, the Comander brought ashore the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Pacquet, which being opened was found to contain as  $\Psi$  List enter'd next after this Consultation.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the Treasure &c<sup>a</sup> : on board the Advice frigate.

THO : PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO : WRIGHT.  
 M : EMPSON.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE COMP<sup>S</sup> : PACQUET TO FORT ST : GEORGE BY THE ADVICE FRIGAT.N<sup>o</sup>.

1. Companys Generall to Fort St : George dat : 18<sup>th</sup> : June 1700.
  2. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>ls</sup> : to y<sup>e</sup> : Fort dat : 20<sup>th</sup> : & 25<sup>th</sup> : Jan<sup>ry</sup> : 1699.
  3. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>ls</sup> : to y<sup>e</sup> : Fort dat : 23<sup>d</sup> : February 1699.
  4. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>ls</sup> : to the Fort dat : 6<sup>th</sup> : March 1699.
  5. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>ls</sup> : to the Fort dat : 12 April 1700.
  6. Invoice of the Advice frigate.
  7. Bill Lading ditto ship.
  8. Copy of the Charterparty of the said ship.
  9. Act of Parliament for continuing the Company [as] a corporation, four.
  10. Exemplification of the said act under the Great Seal of England, which seal is in a silver Box.
  11. The Kings commission to President Pitt &c<sup>a</sup> : to try Pyrats dat : 28 May 1700 under the Great Seal of Engl<sup>d</sup> :
  12. The Kings Instructions to Presid<sup>t</sup> : Pitt &c<sup>a</sup> : for Trying Pyrats dat : 30<sup>th</sup> : May 1700 in y<sup>e</sup> : 12<sup>th</sup> : year of his reign.
  13. Act of Parliament for suppression of Pyrats, four.
  14. Act of Parliament prohibiting the wearing East India & China wrought silks, four.
  15. Act of Parliament for laying a further Duty of 15  $\Psi$  Cent upon wrought silks, muslins and other Goods, four.
  16. Companys particular Letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> : June 1700 [to] the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup> : or the President of Fort St : George for the time being, which contained also Cap<sup>t</sup> : Heath &c<sup>a</sup> : Letter to S<sup>r</sup> : [Stephen] Evance about the Neptunes Goods.
  17. Tryall of Twenty one Pyrats in print. One.
  18. The Warehousekeepers acco<sup>t</sup> : of Goods wanting  $\Psi$  Martha & Neptune.
- This evening received Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the 30<sup>th</sup> : March last and from M<sup>r</sup> : John Foquett dated 29<sup>th</sup> : ditto &c<sup>a</sup> : papers inclosed.
- Received Generall Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> : of Fort St : David dated 5<sup>th</sup> : Instant with translates of news from their spy [Braminys] abroad.
- In the night ship Gosfright Edw<sup>d</sup> : Harrison Comander saild for Emoy in China.

Three in a  
 red Leather  
 Box.

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Ship Madapollam Maul Cawn Pilot arrived from Pegu.  
Ketch Bone Voyage, Meerah Noquedah arrived from Araccan.

10.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
[10<sup>TH</sup>]

## Present

THOMAS PITT, PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :  
THOMAS : WRIGHT                      MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL                      JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>R</sup> : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

The President read his acco<sup>t</sup> : of the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash for the month March last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup> : 24938 : 19 : 2.

The Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
Cash for  
March m<sup>o</sup> :  
read.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his acco<sup>t</sup> : for the month February last.

Warehouse  
acco<sup>t</sup> : for  
Febr<sup>y</sup> :  
m<sup>o</sup> : read.  
Pag<sup>s</sup> : 100  
paid into  
Cash on  
acco<sup>t</sup> : the  
black town  
wall.  
Bill Ex-  
change from  
ye : Comp<sup>a</sup> :  
for [sic]

Gruah Raz pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash one hundred Pag<sup>s</sup> : being collected for Building the Black Town Wall & new [ . . . ]

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver Two hundred Dollars to the Attornys of M[ary] Ann Wright, being for One Bill of Exchange dated 28<sup>th</sup> : June 1700 drawn by the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company, payable to said Ann Wright.

Generall Letter from the Cheif & Council of Metchlepatam dated the 30<sup>th</sup> : March and from the Cheif only dated the 29<sup>th</sup> : ditto [&c<sup>a</sup> :] papers : Also from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Governour of Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 5<sup>th</sup> : Instant, also read.

Letters  
received,  
read.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to supply Manuel Gonsolvas with wh[at] silver he wants at 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Ten Pag<sup>s</sup> : and sell the remainder received p<sup>r</sup> the Advice frigate at that rate.

Silver to be  
dispos'd at  
15 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dolls : p<sup>r</sup>  
Ten Pa<sup>s</sup> .

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 10<sup>th</sup> : Instant, and 13. from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> : dated the 11<sup>th</sup> : ditto.

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THURSDAY  
17.

## Present

THOMAS PITT, PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :  
THOMAS WRIGHT                      MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL                      JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>R</sup> : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash Twenty three thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup> : silver & goods sold.

Pag<sup>s</sup> 23000  
paid into  
cash for  
silver & ca :  
sold.  
Letters sent,  
read.

Generall Letters to Surat & Bombay dat<sup>d</sup> : 15<sup>th</sup> : Ins<sup>t</sup> : and to the R<sup>t</sup> : H : Comp<sup>y</sup> : of yesterdays date all read & approved.

The President read his mint acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the months of February & March last, particulars viz<sup>t</sup> :

Mint acco<sup>ts</sup> :  
for Febr<sup>y</sup> :  
& March  
read.

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Feb<sup>y</sup>: To Custom on Gold. Pag<sup>s</sup>: 228 : 2 : 20.

March. To Custom on ditto „ 759 : 33 : 20.

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1167 : 33 : 40 on acco<sup>t</sup>: Custom of Gold coin'd, and Pag<sup>s</sup>: 20 : 29 : for Copper cash.Letters  
received,  
read

Accot :

Salary for  
½ year to y<sup>e</sup>:Comp<sup>s</sup>:servants  
order'd to be  
paid them.Portuguez  
entd : a  
soldier.Stewards  
accots : for  
March month,  
read.Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3000  
paid into  
cash [on]  
acco<sup>t</sup>:

Sea Customs.

Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 10<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: ditto both read.The accomptant delivers in an acco<sup>t</sup>: of the last half years salary due to the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Companys servants in this place ending 25<sup>th</sup>: March last, amo<sup>ts</sup>: to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 992 : 1 : 5 which is order'd to be paid.

Order'd that Thomas Simmons Portuguez be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Henry Davenport his Stewards acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month March last, was read & past.M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Three thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: Sea Customs.

THO : PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO : WRIGHT.

M : EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

19. The Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council mett to peruse Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, and to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: both of this date, which were approv'd and Dispatch'd this Evening.21. Dispatch'd Generall Letters to the Presid<sup>t</sup>: & Council of Surat, and to the Generall & Council at Bombay of the 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant, incloseing Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>y</sup>: of the 16<sup>th</sup>: ditto &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as ¶ List.23. The Josiah Ketch Timothy Evans master arrived from Bengall and brought Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from the President Beard & Council of Fort William dated 3<sup>d</sup>: March last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as ¶ List.By Peons overland received Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from the Cheif and Council of Metchlepatam dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with the Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from Maddapollam dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: ditto.24. Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 22<sup>d</sup>: Instant.THURSDAY  
[24<sup>TH</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT, PRESIDENT AND GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
recd : read.Generall Letters from Bengall dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: March last receiv'd ¶ Josiah Ketch, from Metchlepatam dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant; from Madapollam dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: ditto, and from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 22<sup>d</sup>: ditto &c<sup>a</sup>: papers in the severall packets, all read.Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2500  
paid into  
Cash on  
acco<sup>t</sup>: silver  
&c<sup>a</sup>: sold.M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Two thousand five hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver & Goods sold.Sea Custom  
accots : for  
Jan<sup>y</sup>: &  
Feb<sup>y</sup>: read.M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month January and February last, particulars Viz:

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[24<sup>th</sup>]Jan<sup>ry</sup>:

|                                                              |                    |       |     |      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-----|------|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this m <sup>o</sup> : | Pag <sup>s</sup> : | 830:  | 7:  | 30.  |
| To Custom on Grain ... ..                                    | "                  | 548:  | 29: | 7.   |
| To Anchorage ... ..                                          | "                  | 28:   | —:  | —    |
| To Accot <sup>r</sup> : freight of K.W <sup>m</sup> :        | "                  | 35:   | 5:  | —    |
|                                                              | Pag <sup>s</sup> : | 1442: | 6:  | [87] |

Febr<sup>ry</sup>:

|                                                                      |                    |      |     |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-----|-------|
| To Custom on Goods Imp <sup>d</sup> & Exported this m <sup>o</sup> : | Pag <sup>s</sup> : | 363: | 15: | [...] |
| To Custom on Grain ... ..                                            | "                  | 155: | 16: | 30.   |
| To Anchorage ... ..                                                  | "                  | 53:  | —:  | —     |
| To Tonnage. ... ..                                                   | "                  | 22:  | 8:  | —     |
|                                                                      | Pag <sup>s</sup> : | 594: | 4:  | [...] |

Mr: Francis Bett Prov<sup>ll</sup>: Storekeeper read his accot<sup>r</sup>: for the month March last. Storekeepers accot<sup>r</sup>: for March read. Stores for Fort St: David to be provided.

Orderd that the following stores bee provided by the Storekeeper and sent to Fort St: David by the first good Vessell or ship bound thither, being wrote for by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: [Viz<sup>t</sup>:]

- 50 Carriage Plank 5 & 6 inches } thick.
- 10 Ditto of 7 & 8 "
- 1 Coil rope of 2 inches & one d<sup>o</sup>: 2½ inches.
- 20 Timbers from 18 to 22 foot long
- 40 Plank from ¾ inch to 3 inches thick.
- 10 Barrells fine powder.
- 100 Hand spikes.

The particulars.

Orderd that sixty eight Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid the President out of Cash, being for Loss & Charges Mintage on Thirteen thousand, three hundred & fifty Pag<sup>s</sup>: of Tevenapatam, coin'd into Madrass Pagodas here, as P<sup>r</sup> Consultation dated 23<sup>d</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1700.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 68  
Loss on Tevenapat<sup>m</sup>:  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: coin'd into Madrass  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: to be paid for out of Cash.  
Stores from Bengall P<sup>r</sup> Josiah Ketch to be unladen

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unlade the stores sent P<sup>r</sup> Josiah Ketch from Bengall.

Order'd that Two hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid Charles Bugden, being for one Bill Exch[ange] drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Councill of Fort St: David dated the 22<sup>d</sup>: Instant, and one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Fort St: Davids bill of Exchange for 200 pag<sup>s</sup>: order'd to be paid & Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 to the Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison. Portugues entd: a soldier. Advanc'd to the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Washers Pag<sup>s</sup>: 500 in money & Paddy. Advice that the Dutch are treating with the Govern<sup>mt</sup>: about the Comp<sup>s</sup>: factory at Conimeer.

Order'd that Nicholas Knogar Portugu[ez] be entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Order'd that Three hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: bee advanc'd to Paulo &c<sup>a</sup>: Washers for cureing the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cloth, and that Two hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: of Paddy be deliver'd them by the Warehousekeeper.

The Governour acquainting the Council that this morning hee received advice from M<sup>r</sup>: Fraser at Fort St: David that the Dutch had been at Conimeer [and] Viewing, Surveying and measureing a ffactory there that was formerly ours, and that Deud Cawns Mauldars were w<sup>th</sup>: 'em, so 'tis rationall to beleive that the Dutch have a design to purchase it of the Nabob; To prevent which (for that it

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would not only be a great inconveniency to our affairs at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: Davids, but likewise a great discredit to see a Dutch flag hoisted upon English settlement) 'tis resolved that the Governour writes a Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup>: Comans (who is still at Sadraspatam) to acquaint him with what he hears, and if possible to prevent his making any further [progress?] therein.

The Kings  
Comission for  
Trying of  
Pirates, to  
be publish'd.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company having sent his Majesties Comission for Trying of [Pirates] 'Tis resolved that the same be Publish'd at [the] Town Hall, on the 26<sup>th</sup>: Instant at nine [in] the morning, and that the Governour gives notice by Beat of Drum to all the Inhabitants at the Publishing the same to prevent their pretending any ignorance thereof hereafter.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS: ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

24. Dispatch'd the President's Letter to Gov<sup>r</sup>: Comans at Sadraspatam of this date, shewing the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: right to the ffactory of Conimeer, and desireing the Dutch to forbear treating with the Government for the purchase of it.
26. This day being appointed for the Publishing the Kings Commission for Trying of Pyrats, the same was accordingly done, together with his Instructions and the act of Parliament, most of the European Inhabitants, Principal Portuguez and Armenians being present.
28. Received a Letter from Gov<sup>r</sup>: Direck Comans at Sadraspatam.

MONDAY  
[28<sup>TH</sup>]

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD<sup>x</sup>:*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
THOMAS MARSHALL THOMAS WRIGHT

The Councill being duly summond Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Ellis & Empson indispos'd & M<sup>r</sup>: Meverell absent.

Letters sent  
& received  
read.

Generall Letters from & to Gov<sup>r</sup>: Comans about the Dutch their settleing at Conimeer, Mocdum Ninas Letter to the President and his answer relateing to a small Present to be made Doud Cawn, also Generall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Councill, Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, all read.

The Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
Ketch Josiah  
to be sold at  
publick out-  
cry.  
Money paid  
into Cash  
upon sundry  
acco<sup>ts</sup>:

Resolved that the Paymaster on [Monday] next being the 5<sup>th</sup>: May, put up to sale at Publick outcry the Josiah Ketch with her stores, and that a note be affixt at the Sea Gate to give notice thereof.

Serapa pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 221: 3: 3 being [the] Ballance [of] his propper acco<sup>t</sup>: for Goods bought out of the Companys Warehouse [acco<sup>t</sup>:] and Vincate Kisna &c<sup>s</sup>: late Tobacco far[mers pays] Two hundred Pagodas on that account [and] Ponnagettee Narso &c<sup>s</sup>: Tobacco & [arrac] farmers pays Two thousand Pagodas [on] that acco<sup>t</sup>: for three months ending the 17<sup>th</sup>: March last.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Sloop Rawratoon Laulman Pilot arrived from Acheen. 28.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of yesterdays date with the 29.  
severall papers therein mentioned.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Cranwell & Berlu arrived this evening Overland from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David,  
in persuance of our Generall Letter of the 19<sup>th</sup>: Instant, which order'd 'em up.

Ship Resolution Andrew Ferera Pilot arrived from Policherry, on whom came MAY 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>:  
M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Farmer Passenger, going thither overland from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
[1<sup>ST</sup>]

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS WRIGHT  
JOHN MEVERELL THOMAS MARSHALL

M<sup>r</sup>: ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Alexander Cambell soldier who had the President and Councils of Bengall  
leave for repairing hither 7<sup>th</sup> the Josiah Ketch for his health Petitioning 2 months  
Pay dureing y<sup>e</sup>: Passage, It is agreed that the Paymaster pay him but for one  
month, and hee also to reimburse the Corporation Pag<sup>s</sup>: 19: 14: 48 being charges  
for Pavement of Bricks made before the Companys Colledge and Godown.

[A soldier]  
from Bengall  
to bee paid  
(ne mos:  
pay.  
Paymaster to  
reimburse  
Corporation  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 19:14:  
48 & why.  
Paymasters  
accots: for  
March month,  
read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month March last  
particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                             |     |     |     |     |     |                    |           |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|-----------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> . | 1072: 16: |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 17: 35:   |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 200: 23:  |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 12: 11:   |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 360: 16:  |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Present | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | —: 18:    |
| Fortification & Repairs     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "                  | 14: 34:   |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1679: 9:

The Paymaster is order'd to Buy a Chest Rose water to be sent to Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David; and [the] Warehousekeeper to Buy five & half corge red shalloe, being  
offer'd to sale and was for the use of this Garrison & Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David for flags.

A Chest rose  
water to be  
bought and  
5½ Corge of  
red shalloe.

Order'd that George Thompson be Entertain'd in the Gunroom, & Andrew  
Fereira a soldier at Twenty five fanams 7<sup>th</sup> mensem.

A Gunner &  
soldier  
entertain'd.  
Silver to be  
sold at  
16 Doll. for  
Ten Pagodas.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to sell silver at the rate of 16 Dollars for  
Ten Pagodas, the Macow ship w<sup>ch</sup>: occasion'd the rise of silver being saild away.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

Dispatch'd 7<sup>th</sup> Country Boat Generall Letter to Metchlepatam of yesterdays 2.  
date.

Received Generall Letter from the Cheife & Council of Metchlepatam dated 4.  
23<sup>d</sup>: April last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed.

Ship S<sup>t</sup>: Antonio Eman<sup>l</sup>: Gonsalvas sailed for Macow. 6.

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THURSDAY  
8

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
 THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.  
 MR : ELLIS. Indispos'd.

Comps : cash  
 for April m<sup>o</sup> :  
 [read].  
 Comps :  
 Ketch Josiah  
 not [selling]  
 at outery, to  
 be return'd  
 for Bengall.

The President read his acco<sup>t</sup> : of the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash for the month April last, the Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup> : 32226 : 26 : 4.

The Paymaster reports that the Josiah Ketch was put to sale at Publick Outcry in persuance of Consultation dated the 28<sup>th</sup> : past, but none offering more than Five hundred Pagodas, 'twas thought fitting not to sell her, but that she be return'd to Bengall, and Dispatch'd hence by the 15<sup>th</sup> : Instant, in her way to call at Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam to deliver such Treasure &c<sup>a</sup> : wee shall order for those places.

Money orderd  
 P Josiah  
 Ketch [for  
 the] northern  
 factorys.

Order'd that Twelve thousand Pagodas be deliver'd the Warehousekeeper & sent to Metchlep<sup>m</sup> : upon the Josiah Ketch [for] the service of that and Madda pollam [factorys,] to Pay off their arrears and to carry on [Invest]ments for the ensuing year, also that [ . . . ] thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : be deliver'd to be sent by [the same] Ketch for Vizagapatam to carry on [that] Investment there.

Portuguez  
 entd : a  
 soldier.  
 Pag<sup>s</sup> : 2000  
 paid into  
 Cash for  
 silver &  
 Goods sold.

Order'd that Domingo de Mount [Portuguez] be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash Two thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : on acco<sup>t</sup> : silver and Goods sold.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
 orderd for  
 defraying  
 charges  
 Garrison &  
 Pag<sup>s</sup> : 25 for  
 3 m<sup>o</sup>s : Town  
 Conicoplys  
 Duty.  
 Persia fruit  
 to be bought  
 for Fort St :  
 David.  
 Sea Custom  
 acco<sup>t</sup>s : for  
 March month,  
 read and

Order'd that One thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : be [paid] Mr : Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison, and Twenty five Pag<sup>s</sup> : be paid Wotta Lingua for 3 months Town Conicoplys Duty ending the ul[timo] April last.

The Paymaster is order'd to provide Persia fruit Viz<sup>t</sup> : Kismiss, Raisons and almonds two maunds of each, being wanted at Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David for Presents.

Mr : Matthew Empson read his Sea [custom] acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month March last, Particulars Vig<sup>t</sup> :

|                                        |     |     |                                  |
|----------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported & Exported | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2960 : 31 : 5 |
| To Custom on Grain                     | ... | ... | " 149 : 2 : 25                   |
| To Anchorage                           | ... | ... | " 30 : 18 : —                    |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 3140 : 15 : 30

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
 paid into  
 Cash on that  
 accot :

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : H : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : on that account.

[Land]  
 Custom  
 acco<sup>ts</sup> :  
 March m<sup>o</sup> :  
 read &

Mr : John Meverell Land Customer read his acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the month of March last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|                   |     |     |                                  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 169 : 30 : 60 |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | ... | " 14 : 35 : 60                   |
| Cloth Brokers     | ... | ... | " 10 : — : —                     |
| Town rents        | ... | ... | " 55 : 3 : 26                    |
| Registring slaves | ... | ... | " — : 32 : —                     |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 250 : 29 : 66

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 188 :  
 32 : 54 paid  
 into Cash [on  
 that] accot :

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : cash Pag<sup>s</sup> : 188 : 32 : 54 on that account.

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The Secretary is order'd to deliver Padre Fryer Michael Anjous, the paper translated in Portuguez (as Enter'd next after this Consultation) and he to be present at the reading of the same in their Church on Sunday next.

[Referring] to a paper to be [read by] the Portuguez Padre [in their] Church. Letters received, read. Turn'd out & damag'd Cloth: [belong]ing to ye: Joint stock Merchts: to be sold & Produce to be paid into Comps: cash.

Letter from Gov<sup>r</sup>: Comans at Sadraspm: and Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 23<sup>d</sup>: past & c<sup>a</sup>: papers therewith rec<sup>d</sup>: all read.

This being a fitt oppertunity for disposeing of the Joint Stock Merchants turn'd out and damaged Cloth, the same is order'd by the Warehousekeeper to be sold at publick Outcry, and the produce paid into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash.

The Storekeeper is order'd to provide Necessarys for the Josiah Ketch as  $\mathcal{P}$  List deliver'd us by the Master.

Stores for ye: Josiah [Ketch] to be supply'd her.

By our last Letters from the West Coast they advise us 'tis much for the Company's advantage to send Rupees and ffanams, latter with the Mallay stamp, wherefore 'tis resolved that the Warehousekeeper de[liver] to the Mintmaster what silver re[mained] in the Godown, in order to coin Two [ . . . ] Rupees, and the rest to be made into fanams to be sent to the West Coast by the first oppertunity.

Rupees & fanams to be coin'd for the W<sup>t</sup>: Coast.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEYERRELL.

Whereas Wee the Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Councill of this place have been credibly inform'd that on or about the 12<sup>th</sup>: March last, the Right Reverend ffather Don Gosper Alfonso Bis[hop] of St<sup>t</sup>: Thoma (as he stiles himself,) did [send] a paper to the Padrees of Madrass belonging to the Church, for the exerciseing the the Ro[man] Catholick Religion, commanding and requiring them to Publish the same, the purport of which paper being to require & command the delivery up of sundry papers to the Provisor and Vicar Generall of St<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, which papers wholly relate to a cause depending in our Court of Admiralty, and upon their non compliance with the same, they were to undergo the greatest Excommunication.

This paper being translated into Portuguez, was delivered & read by the Padre in their Church.

Locus  
Sigilli.

In order to publish these our highest resentments against the Right Reverend Don Gasper Alfonso's proceedings and the Reverend Padre ffryer Michael Anjous compliance with the same, Wee hereby declare that no Bishop whatsoever of the Roman Catholick Religion, have any power or Jurisdiction over the Clergy or Laymen of that persuation, resideing under this our Government.

And to prevent the like irregularitys for the future, Wee strictly command and enjoin You Padre ffryer Michael Anjous. or whoever shall succeed you as Cheif Padre in this Church, not to Publish, read or  $\mathcal{P}$ mit to be read any paper directed to you from any Bishop or Ecclesiasticall function whatever, without first acquainting the Govern<sup>r</sup>: of this place, and obtaining his leave for the same, as you'l answer the contrary at your perill, And wee further require you to Publish this our order in yo<sup>r</sup>: Church in a full congregation on Sunday next. Given under

[8TH]

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our hands and the Seal of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, Dated at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: [George] in the City of Madrass this Eighth [day of] of May 1701.

THOMAS PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THO: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

CHA<sup>s</sup>: BUGDEN SECR<sup>y</sup>:

10. Ketch . . . . James Linsey Master arrived from Anjengo and Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.  
12. Ship Sommers Cap<sup>t</sup>: Douglass Commander belonging to the new Comp<sup>a</sup>: arrived in this road from Surat and sent some particular Letters ashore, w<sup>ch</sup>: confirm'd to us what had been rumour'd some days before, of S<sup>t</sup>: John Gayer and his Ladies being surpriz'd at Swally by the Moors and carried Prisoners to Surat, but the President having no Letters, nor heard thence since January last, and being desirous to have a full relation of all matters in those parts, with the advice of the Councill, he sent off and invited the Captain ashore, who accordingly came & gave us a full relation of all transactions in those parts, w<sup>ch</sup>: was confirm'd to us five days after by a Pacquet wee rec<sup>d</sup>: from Surat.
13. Ship Fortune Charles Perrin Master arriv<sup>d</sup>: from Calicut.  
14. Brigantine Commence George Weoley Master arrived from Goa.  
Ship Endeavour Elias Bates Master arrived from Persia.

FRIDAY 16

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATT: EMPSON  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[To pay]  
Mr: Lewis's  
demand on  
David Davis  
deceas'd.  
Letters to  
sundry  
places, read.  
Redwood to  
be sent to  
Bengall [P]  
the Josiah  
Ketch.  
Gunner  
entertain'd.  
[Stores & ca:]  
necessaries  
to be [provi-  
ded] for the  
West Coast.  
[Inspection  
of 75 bales  
Calicoes [on]  
the Comps:  
information  
[of] [sev]  
erall  
ps: wanting  
in [bales]  
lately  
sent them.

Mr: George Lewis delivering an acco<sup>t</sup>: of Thirty four Pagodas David Davis dec<sup>d</sup>: is indebted to him, the same is order'd to be paid, or so much as the said Davis hath Credit in our Books.

Generall Letters to Metchlepatam, Maddapollam, Vizagapatam and Bengall all of yesterdays date, read & approved.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to Lade on board the Josiah Ketch for Bengall Redwood acco<sup>t</sup>: the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>a</sup>: not exceeding one hundred Candy, the President & Councill thence having wrote for some in their late Letters.

Order'd that Joan Papmeau be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

There being a ship suddainly bound for the West Coast, and the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Councill of York Fort having wrote for severall stores & Necessarys as<sup>p</sup> an acco<sup>t</sup>: sent over, and wee being sencible their want thereof, It is order'd that the same be provided as <sup>p</sup> List now drawn out & agreed upon.

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: in their Letter dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: & 25: June last by the Advice frigate, having wrote us and sent the particulars of peices wanting in Balés Laden hence and other places on the Martha & Neptune, which was a great surprize to Us, and at that time having seventy five bales made up in the Godown, the Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Councill order'd that they sho<sup>d</sup>: be open'd & inspected, who all came out right according to the Notes and the contents on the outside of the Bales, as appears by the report of the Warehousekeeper & sorters Enter'd after this consultation.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS: ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN: MEVERELL.

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Fort St: George 6<sup>th</sup> : & 7<sup>th</sup> : May 1701.

Wee the subscribers mett at the Godown and did opea and tell all the Bales there [in] which were packed up here before y<sup>e</sup> : arrival of the Advice frigate being seventy five [ & ] wee did find every bale to come out right according to the Number of Peices mentioned in the Notes or put upon the outside of [the] Bales.

THO : WRIGHT WAREHOUSEKEEPER.

JOHN MEVERELL.

MATT : MEAD.

GULSTON ADDISON.

, Received <sup>pp</sup> Pattamar a Pacquet from Surat containing their Generall Letter 17.  
dated the 29<sup>th</sup> : March last with the severall papers as <sup>p</sup> List, also a Generall from  
the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company dated 21<sup>st</sup> : August 1701.

Ship Quedumbah Sakah Hussen Noqueda saild for Ganjam.

18.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort St : David of this date.

19.

Ship Gennala Abdeen, Coja Jaffer Noqueda arrived from Quedda.

20.

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY 21<sup>st</sup>

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

JOHN : MEVERELL.

Generall Letter from the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company dated 21<sup>st</sup> : August 1700 received  
Via Surat, from S<sup>r</sup> : John Gayer & c<sup>a</sup> : Councill at Surat dated the 29<sup>th</sup> : March  
last & c<sup>a</sup> : papers therewith received, and from M<sup>r</sup> : John Haynes at Fort St : David  
dated the <sup>pmo</sup> : Instant, all read.

[Genl: letter]  
receiv'd,  
read.

M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
cash Two thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup> : silver and Goods sold.

[Page:]  
2000 paid  
into Cash on  
[acco<sup>t</sup> :]  
Silver &  
Goods sold.  
Choultry  
Conicoplys  
place.

Sobyah Choultry Conicoply being lately dead, the Land Customer proposes  
Jeawah to supply his place, whom wee approve of, hee giving him security.

Order'd that Joan Gago Peisotee be Entertain'd Portuguez Writer at the  
Choultry, that employ being Vacant by the death of John Deceise.

Portuguez  
writer at the  
Choultry  
entertain'd.  
[Pres]ents  
for Fort St :  
David  
bought.

Order'd that a chest of Rose Water [and] a peice fine scarlet Cloth be bought  
for Fort St : David and forthwith sent overland with the Persia fruit lately  
bought [at] that place.

THO : PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO : WRIGHT.

M : EMPSON.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Ketch Josiah Timothy Evans saild [for] Metchlepatam, Vizagapatam [and] 23.  
Bengall, by whom sent Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter to each place dated the 15<sup>th</sup> : Instant, inclo-  
seing sundry papers as <sup>p</sup> Lists of the respective Pacquets.

Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 10<sup>th</sup> : Instant, with  
copys of a [paper] from M<sup>r</sup> : John Pitt the new Comp<sup>s</sup> : Pre[sident] to M<sup>r</sup> :  
Stephen Frewen at Madapollam and the latters answer to ditto,

Received Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated the 24<sup>th</sup> : Instant, with 26.  
the severall papers inclosed.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1701—

MONDAY  
26<sup>th</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCOIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                    THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Mint acc<sup>ts</sup>:  
 for April m<sup>o</sup>: Viz<sup>t</sup>:  
 223 : 26 :  
 [sic] 6  
 paid Cash on  
 that acc<sup>ot</sup> :

The President read his Mint accounts for the month April ast, particulars

To Custom on Gold coin'd Pag<sup>s</sup>: 223 : 28 : 6: which sum he pays into the.  
 R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash, being the Ballance of that account.

[Pag<sup>s</sup>:]  
 1000 paid for  
 Garrison  
 [charge] &  
 1000 pag<sup>s</sup>:  
 for the [Black  
 Town wall.  
 Acc<sup>ot</sup>: for  
 March.  
 [Papers]  
 received,  
 read.  
 [Former]  
 Managers  
 acc<sup>ot</sup>:  
 [read &]  
 Pag<sup>s</sup>: 241:  
 9 : 37 paid  
 [the Comps:]  
 cash on that  
 acc<sup>ot</sup>:  
 [Gunnars]  
 entertain'd  
 in y<sup>e</sup>:  
 room.

Order'd that one thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster  
 for defraying charges Garrison, and one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: advanc'd to him for  
 carrying on the Black Town wall and new works.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his acc<sup>ts</sup>: for the month March  
 last.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the 10<sup>th</sup>: Instant and from Fort  
 S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 24<sup>th</sup>: ditto &c<sup>s</sup>: papers, all read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Hunt late Tobacco Manager read his acc<sup>ts</sup>: and pays into the  
 R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 241 : 9 : 37 the Ballance of that account.

Order'd that William Price, W<sup>m</sup>: Harrison, Paul Springa, Titus Owen &  
 Jam<sup>s</sup>: Dara [ . . . ] be Entertain'd in the Gunroom and that Simon Cornelius  
 be discharg'd [there] from.

THO : PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO : WRIGHT.  
 M : EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

27.

Received & Pattamar Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 16<sup>th</sup>:  
 Instant accompanying Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 10<sup>th</sup>: ditto.  
 with what pa[pers in] each Pacquet.

TUESDAY  
D<sup>o</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOM<sup>s</sup>: WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                    THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
 received,  
 read.  
 Perpetuanoes  
 cannot sell  
 at 6 pag<sup>s</sup>:  
 & peice.  
 [To sell'em]  
 for the most  
 [he] can.

Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 10<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and from Metchle-  
 patam dated the 16 ditto, both read.

There being many Perpetuanoes the Warehousekeeper reports hee cannot sell  
 at the sett price of six Pagodas & Peice, It is consider'd that by lying in the  
 Godown, they spoil, and if more are brought out, these will remain unsold, where-  
 fore 'tis order'd that the Warehousekeeper sell them off for the most he can.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1701 —

[27<sup>TH</sup>]

The Storekeeper is order'd to pay the Owners of the Madrass Pinnace seventeen Pagodas, being for Freight of Ten candys of Brimstone and sundry Planks sent to Fort St: David, and the Warehousekeeper to pay Pag<sup>s</sup>: 43: 18 for Freight of 58 bales from thence by said Vessell.

[Freight] of Goods to & from Fort St: David to be paid.

Whereas Ensign William Read on Sunday last comeing drunk into Church and challenging his fellow officers, It is therefore resolved for such offences, that one months Pay be stop'd by the Paymaster, and he be severely reprimanded by us.

Ensign Read for misde-means: forfeit one mos: pay.

The Gunroom crew at this time increaseing beyond the usuall Number, and persons daily offering their service, It is resolved that whereas their pay being one hundred fanams ₪ mensem, it be now reduced to ninety one fanams, in consideration that they are entertain'd for noe limitted time, but have liberty of Voyages or otherwise when they please.

Gunroom pay reduc'd [by 9] fans: ₪ mensem & why.

Order'd that Cornelius Brown & Peter Coas [ . . . ] be Entertain'd in the Gunroom, & Caleb Cla [ . . . ] a soldier in this Garrison.

Gunners & a soldier entertain'd.

Wee being inform'd that Doud Cawn comeing to Chellumbrum, near Fort St: David against which place wee have just re[ason] to beleive he has ill Designs, It is pro[posed] by the President that hee himself goes [there] on the Advice frigate, with two of the Councill of this place and the Secretary, and carry with them Thirty men of this Garrison with Stores & Necessarys for Presents as [entred] next after this Consultation, which accordingly are order'd to be provided.

Apprehension of troubles from the Moors at St: David. The President moves his going thither wth: some of this Councill & to carry 30 men with stores &c:

The President proposeing not only by this Expedition to give assistance to y<sup>e</sup>: place in case Doud Cawn should attempt any thing but likewise to Examine into differences that has lately happen'd there between the Comp<sup>s</sup>: servants in order to decide & compose the same. As also to inspect their Investments, where [by] the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: have so much complain[ing] against these two last years, concerning [w<sup>ch</sup>:] wee are very sencible of their just cause of complaint, and have wrote them severall Letters relating thereto, but to little or no purpose.

The reasons why the Presidt: [Shd:] go to Fort St: David.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF STORES AND NECESSARYS TO BEE PROVIDED FOR FORT ST: DAVID VIZ:

|                                   |     |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| Broad Cloth-red                   | ... | 6 Ps:                         |
| Ditto Green                       | ... | 6 Ps:                         |
| Ditto Yellow                      | ... | 6 ps:                         |
| Aurora                            | ... | 2 ps:                         |
| Fire Arms Viz:                    | ... | 2 pair Pistolls & 2 Carbines. |
| Rose Water                        | ... | 2 Chests.                     |
| Syrash                            | ... | 8 d <sup>o</sup> :            |
| Almonds, Raisons & Kismis.        | ... | 2 Mds: each                   |
| Persia Vinegar                    | ... | 1 Chest & Atchar.             |
| Looking Glass small of all sizes. | ... | 1 doz.                        |
| Spectacles, Knives & Sizars       | ... | one doz. of each              |
| Flint Ware all sorts              | ... | 50 lbs:                       |
| Arrac Bengall                     | ... | 2 hhds:                       |
| Ditto Goa                         | ... | 2 hhds:                       |
| Sugar White                       | ... | 2 bags.                       |
| Wax Cloth                         | ... | 50 peices.                    |
| Gunnys                            | ... | 1000 ps:                      |
| Rope and Twine...                 | ... |                               |
| Salloes red for flags             | ... | 1 Corge.                      |

[27<sup>TH</sup>]

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1701 —

This evening ship Hampshire Zachary Tovey Comānder arrived from England, and the Purser, bringing ashore the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Pacquet, the Councill mett to peruse the same, which being open'd was found to contain as  $\wp$  the following List.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR THE FORT BY THE HAMPSHIRE VIZ<sup>t</sup>:

1. Companys Generall to the Fort dat: 20<sup>th</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1700.
2. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Generall to the Fort dated the 21<sup>st</sup>: August 1700 sent Overland Via Bombay.
3. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: to the Fort dat: 18<sup>th</sup>: & 25<sup>th</sup>: June sent by the Advice frigate.
4. Invoice of the Hampshire.
5. Bill Lading of the said ship.
6. Charterparty of ditto.
7. Additionall Covenants for Henry Daver to be a Factor dated 15<sup>th</sup>: November 1700 [with] the Bond to perform them, which being Executed are to be return'd us.
8. Patterns of Oringalls, Rowalue, Podavetz [and] striped Betteela's.
9. List of soldiers on the Hampshire.
10. Warehousekeepers acco<sup>t</sup>: of Goods want[ing] in severall Bales  $\wp$  Martha and Neptune.

Not sent.

WEDNES-  
DAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 JOHN MEVERELL                      THO: MARSHALL  
 M<sup>r</sup>: EMPSON. Indispos'd.

The treasure  
 $\wp$  Hampshire  
 to be un-  
 laden.  
 The Chest of  
 Gold to be  
 deliv'd into  
 the Mint to  
 be coin'd  
 into Pagodas.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd forthwith to Unload the Treasure &c<sup>s</sup>: Goods from ship Hampshire, takeing great care the chests are first well Buoy'd, and that hee deliver the chest of Gold unto the Mintmaster to be coin'd into Pagodas, calling Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Griff[ith] and Mead with the two Essaymasters [to] open and weigh the same, and deliver their report.

[Pag<sup>s</sup>:] 1000  
 to be deliv'd:  
 the Ware-  
 housekeeper  
 to send to  
 Metchlepa-  
 tam.

It is order'd that the President deliver the Warehousekeeper Ten thousand Pagodas to send to Metchlepatam  $\wp$  a Country ship now bound thither.

[Proposal]  
 made for  
 buying the  
 ship Hamp-  
 shire, provid-  
 ed the Advice  
 frigate may be  
 let [ . . . ] to  
 China.

Yesterday here arriveing the Hampshire from England, who bringing out a considerable quantity of silver, It is propos'd by M<sup>r</sup>: John Affleck and others the Buying the same for a China Voyage, provided wee wo<sup>d</sup>: lett to hire the Advice frigate to make a Voyage to Canton: The consideration of which is defer'd for a day or two.

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

31.

Ship Dolphin Lockyre Watts Comāder saild for Bengall, by whom sent Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to the President &c<sup>s</sup>: Councill dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: Instant with severall papers as  $\wp$  List.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, MAY 1701—

[31st]

Ship Borne Ventura Coja Cojatoon Noqueda sail'd for Metchlepatam, by whom sent Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter to the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: Instant, incloseing Invoice and Bill Lading for Ten thousand Pagodas &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as  $\wp$  List, also Generall Letter to Vizagapatam of the 29<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

The Madrass Pinnace Gersham Go[...] M<sup>a</sup>ster arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> and brought Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill dat: the 31<sup>st</sup>: May, with Bill Lading for seventy bales on said Pinnace.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
do.

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOM<sup>s</sup>: WRIGHT  
MATT: EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Land Customer read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month April last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>: Land Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
April month,  
read &

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Choultry Custom ... ..   | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 173 : 24 : 8 |
| Rubie Brokers ... ..     | „ 85 : 3 : 75                   |
| Registring Slaves ... .. | „ 1 : 12 : —                    |
|                          | <hr/>                           |
|                          | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 260 : 4 : 3  |

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Three hundred and Six Pagodas on that acco<sup>t</sup>:

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 306  
paid into  
cash on that  
acco<sup>t</sup>:

Order'd that Vanhan Norez be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

European  
entd: a  
soldier.  
Letter from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 31<sup>st</sup>: past, read.

Order'd that seventy bales from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David  $\wp$  the Madrass Pinnace be unlad[en] by the Warehousekeeper.

Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David bales  
to be unla-  
den from y<sup>e</sup>:  
Madrass  
Pinnace.  
Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
April m<sup>o</sup>:  
read &

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month April last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                              |                                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| To Custom on Goods imported and Exported ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2537 : 20 : 22 |
| To Custom on Grain ... ..                    | „ 238 : 29 : 60                   |
| To Anchorage ... ..                          | „ 29 : 18 : —                     |
|                                              | <hr/>                             |
|                                              | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2805 : 31 : 42 |

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Fifteen hundred Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: Sea Customs.

[Paid] 1500  
pag<sup>s</sup>: into  
cash on  
[that] acco<sup>t</sup>:  
[Chest] Gold  
 $\wp$  Hampshire  
short in  
weight.

The Warehousekeeper &c<sup>a</sup>: reports the weight of the Chest Gold received from England  $\wp$  ship Hampshire which comes short of the Invoice [*Lacuna in the original*] as  $\wp$  their Certificate Enter'd after this Consultation.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

[Pag<sup>s</sup>:] 1000  
order'd  
the Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
[Inspection  
of 58 bales  
of Fort: S<sup>t</sup>:  
David Goods  
upon the  
Comps:  
complaint of  
p<sup>s</sup>: wanting  
[in ...] bales  
sent them.

To follow the Example taken (as  $\wp$  Consultation of the 16<sup>th</sup>: past) for inspection of the Madras Goods, wee order'd fifty-eight Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David Bales in our Godowns here, to be open'd by three of their sorters being then upon the place, whose report is enter'd after this Consultation.

[2<sup>ND</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[P]roposeall  
of Hireing  
[the] Advice  
frigate for  
China [for]  
buying silver  
accepted.

The reasons  
for so doing.

[The] terms  
for the ship  
&

[Rate] for  
the silver.

The Ware-  
housekeeper,  
& ass: report  
of the weight  
of a chest  
Gold recd: P  
Hampshire.

Wee having consider'd & Debated upon y<sup>e</sup>: proposeall of M<sup>r</sup>: Affleck and others about sending a ship to China and Buying the Companys silver, and there appearing to us so many advantages to the Companys affairs, has induc'd us to conclude & [report?] thereon for the following reasons:—

1<sup>st</sup>: That wee want upward of one hundred thousand Pagodas for the immediate carrying on of our Investments [in] this Presidency, so that without any proceeds to China, it is impossible for us to raise a quarter part of that sum [for] present sale of silver, unless wee'll se[ll] at extravagant low rates, the Shroff well knowing our Necessitys for the same.

2<sup>DLX</sup>: That the Company on her return, rea[ped] the advantages of custom & coinage the latter being most valuable, in [...] that otherwise wee shall be in great want of Pagodas of this place, with which it is impossible to carry on [our] Investments, there being no Pagodas currant on this coast but what are here coin'd.

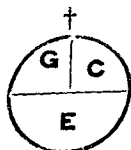
3<sup>DLX</sup>: That it employs the stock of the Inhabitants of this place, who otherwise [will] send it to Metchlepatam to go thence to China upon the new Comp<sup>s</sup>: ships, they continuing very industrious [in] their large promises and frequent invitations to our people to come there.

The foregoing reasons have induc'd us to conclude with M<sup>r</sup>: John Affleck [and] others on the following terms Viz<sup>t</sup>: To lett the Advice frigate to Hire to Canton [in] China for Four thousand Pagodas, the Comp<sup>y</sup>: to be at the charge of the Diet and Pay of Ten Europe men dureing the Voyage, which charge is not considerable, they being taken out of the Gunroom: As for the other particulars is refer'd to the Agreement between the President and Council and ffreighters enter'd after this Consultation.

We further agree to sell them one hundred thousand Pagodas of silver at seventeen Dollar weight for Ten Pagodas, considering that they are all Ingotts and Duckatoons, which are at least two or three p Cent worse than Dollars in China, and to furnish such Passengers as goes upon said ship with what remains of said silver at the same rate, and the Warehousekeeper is accordingly order'd to deliver said silver by Invoice.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Wee the subscribers being order'd [by] the President and Council to see the chest of Gold mark'd N<sup>o</sup>: A, received P the Hampshire Cap<sup>t</sup>: Zach: Tovey Com[ander], opened and weighed, which accordingly wee did and find it come out as follow[s] Viz<sup>t</sup>:



|                                  | Barrs. | lb. | oz. | dwt. | dr. |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|------|-----|
| N <sup>o</sup> : 1               | 4      | 4   | 16  | —    |     |
| 2                                | 5      | 6   | 11  | 12   |     |
| 3                                | 12     | 5   | 15  | —    |     |
| 4                                | 9      | 2   | 11  | —    |     |
| 5                                | 6      | 7   | 4   | 12   |     |
| 6                                | 27     | 5   | 5   | —    |     |
| 7                                | 15     | 2   | —   | —    |     |
| 8                                | 4      | 1   | 8   | 6    |     |
| 9                                | 11     | 9   | 10  | —    |     |
| 10                               | 25     | 2   | 17  | 12   |     |
| 11                               | 19     | 8   | 18  | 12   |     |
| 12                               | 26     | 6   | 10  | —    |     |
| 13                               | 25     | 10  | —   | —    |     |
| Pistoles Rag N <sup>o</sup> . 14 | 14     | 1   | 1   | 12   |     |
| Lb:                              | 208    | 2   | 8   | 18   |     |

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701 —

[2<sup>ND</sup>]

And 'tis our opinions the reason there [is] much wanting in each of the premen-  
[tioned] Ingotts, is occasion'd by Essays being [taken] out of them and omitted to  
be put up with them; for the Spanish Pistoles come out half a penny weight  
more than Invoice. Dated in Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George this 29<sup>th</sup>: May 17[01].

THOMAS WRIGHT.  
VICESSIMUS [GRIFFITH].  
MATTHEW MEA[D].  
FRANCIS COOKE.  
JOHN COOKE.  
W<sup>m</sup>: JENNINGS.

We the subscribers being orderd by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: President &<sup>ca</sup>: Councill to  
open Fifty-eight Bales of severall sorts of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David Calicoes belonging to  
the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, which being done wee find them all to have their true  
quantity of peices according to the Ticketts and sort of every Bale. Dated in Fort  
S<sup>t</sup>: George the 2<sup>d</sup>: June 1701.

RICHARD FARMER.  
ROBERT CRANWELL.  
JOHN BERL<sup>U</sup>.

CONTRACT and AGREEMENT by and between the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the President & Coun-  
cill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George for acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: English East India Company,  
and Mess<sup>rs</sup>: John Affleck, Robert Pitt, Edward Fleetwood &<sup>ca</sup>: Freighters for  
the ffreightment of ship Advice ffrigat burthen One hundred & Thirty Tonn or  
thereabout William Redhead Comander, now rideing in the road of Madrass  
according to Charterparty made between the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: English East India  
Company and her Ow[ners] in England Dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: day of April 1700, to  
which ships Assistance the said Presid<sup>t</sup>: and Councill do agree to add a Pilot and  
Ten Europeans, and be at the charge of their Pay dureing the Voyage, which  
said Charterparty with and every its Tonnage, Privileges under obligations,  
together with the Ten men added in this place, wee the said President & Councill  
do assign & make over unto said John Affleck, Robert Pitt, Edward Fleetwood  
&<sup>ca</sup>: freighters, to have the Lading and Freightment thereof to [the] Port of  
Canton in China, or any other port adjacent, for the consideration [of a] sum of  
Four thousand Pagodas of Ma[dras] to be paid by the said John Affleck, Robert  
Pitt, Edw<sup>d</sup>: Fleetwood &<sup>ca</sup>: freighters un[to] said President and Councill or their  
successors within Thirty days after the next arrival of the said ship to this Port,  
or any Port or place on this Coast of Choromandell, [wne]re she shall Breake  
Bulk. 'Tis also agreed that the aforesaid ffreighters are and shall [ . . . ] at all  
charges of measureing, Presents that shall be demanded or may happen dureing the  
said Voyage, and that she [be] dispatched from China by the first day of January  
next ensuing the date here & in case of any casualty or misfortune should happen  
in their trade to China then the Comander hath liberty to stop till the Tenth of  
January and no longer on any acco<sup>t</sup>: whatsoever, the said ffreight allowing and  
paying her Charterparty Demorage for so many days as the ship shall be detained  
there after the said first day of January, the said ship being [required?] to sail  
from hence by or before the 20<sup>th</sup>: In Witness whereof, Wee the President &  
Councill for acco<sup>t</sup>: and in behalf of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: English East India Company,  
do hereby oblige ourselves on the one part, and John Affleck, Robert Pitt and  
Edw<sup>d</sup>: Fleetwood for themselves and in behalf of the Freighters of the said ship  
on the other part, having hereunto interchangeably sett our hands and  
seals at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in the City of Madrass this second day of June 1701.

[Terms] of  
agreement  
between  
[the]  
Presid<sup>t</sup>: &  
Councoill &  
ffreightrs:  
[for the] hire  
of Advice  
ffrigat [...]

JOHN AFFLECK.  
ROBERT PITT.  
EDW<sup>d</sup>: FLEETWOOD.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

TUESDAY  
3<sup>RD</sup>.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS : MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

[Warehouse]  
 Accot :  
 for April.  
 [Gunn] or  
 discharg'd.  
 [Corrall]  
 Gregio  
 4 Chests sold  
 at 80 pagas :  
 7 md :

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeep<sup>r</sup>: read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month April last.

Order'd that Harman Bronoo bee Discharg'd the Gunroom at his request.

Order'd that the four chests of Corrall Gregio received by the Neptune in June 1699 marked A, B, C, D, be sold to Serapa at Eighty Pagodas 7/8 maund of 25 pounds, payable in two months, there being noe probability of raiseing the price by keeping it.

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOMAS: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
5<sup>TH</sup>.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS: WRIGHT  
 MATT: EMPSON                      THOMAS: MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

The Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
 accot: Cash  
 for May,  
 read.  
 Corrall beads  
 500 oz: sold  
 at 10 pagas :  
 7/8 seer of  
 9 oz:

The President read his acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash for the month of May last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 6842: [...]

The Warehousekeeper reports that he has Treated with the Corrall Merchants for a long time about Buying the Beads, [and] at last he has brought them to take off about 500 ounces at Ten Pagodas 7/8 seer [of] nine ounces, and cannot prevail with 'em to give more, or take more, It is therefore order'd the same be delivered them payable in fifteen days.

Order'd that Joan Paul Perier be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison for two years, and Thomas Stevens in the Gunroom.

Gruapah &c<sup>s</sup>: arrac. farmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 566: 24 for two mo<sup>ths</sup>: on that account ending the 15<sup>th</sup>: February last.

[Soldier] &  
 Gunner  
 Entd :  
 [... paid  
 into cash  
 [by Arrao]  
 farmers.  
 [Assistant]  
 for ye:  
 Hospitall  
 [entertain'd].

Upon the recommendation of D<sup>r</sup>: Bulkley, It is order'd that Robert Ingram be Entertain'd an assistant in the Hospitall at Three Pagodas 7/8 mensem, and to be allow'd for two months which he has already serv'd there.

[...] the  
 owners of  
 ship  
 [50] candy  
 Lead for [...]  
 to be redeli-  
 ver'd, seven  
 pagas : 7/8  
 Candy.

Cap<sup>t</sup>: Richard Phrip in ship Saram being bound to the West Coast, on whom wee intend to Lade stores considerable of all sorts for the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup>: more particularly Gunpowder, and that requireing a Bulk head to be made in the Hold for security of the same, will hinder his carrying Ballast enough for his ship, wherefore upon his request of Fifty Candy of the Companys Lead, which he is to redeliver on his return or Pay for the same at seven Pagodas 7/8 Candy, the risque whereof to be wholly on the Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the Owners of the ship, and accordingly the Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver said Lead, takeing a receipt for the same.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[5<sup>TH</sup>].

Mr: Tho: Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Fifty thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver sold.

[Page: 50000] paid into Cash for [silver] sold.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Last night M<sup>r</sup>: Henry Dobyns factor [died] and this evening was interred.

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY  
11<sup>TH</sup>.

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
JOHN MEVERELL THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
M<sup>s</sup>: EMPSON. Indispos'd.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month April [last?] particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paym<sup>ts</sup>:  
acco<sup>t</sup>:  
for April  
mo: read.

|                             |     |     |     |     |              |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 1115: 11 |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 16: 19     |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 161: 15    |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 62: 32     |
| Charges General             | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 472: 20    |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Present | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 7: 2[8]    |
| Fortifications & Repairs    | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 53: 2[2]   |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1890: [3]

Our Commission to the Comand [er of] ship Advice frigate of this date (as entered after this Consultation) for the seizure of Pirats and wearing the Kings Jack durement her intended Voyage to China, read & sign'd.

A comission for the Advice frigates taking Pirats, read, Men entertain'd & others discharg'd the Gunroom. [...] entertain'd a soldr: [Letter from] Fort St: David read. [Order'd] 34 bales be Laden [on ship] Saram for Wt: Coast [with what] Rice she can take in. [Mr.] Berlu appointed [Register] of ye: Adty: Court. Medicins for ye: Hospitall to [be provided] for.

Order'd that John Finchsherwin [and] Samuel Fredwell be Entertain'd in the Gunroom, and John Jones, James Dan [...], Paul Springer, Titus Owen, John Richard [son] and John Brown be Discharg'd therefrom and that Antonio de Rosairo Portuguez be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Order'd that the thirty four Bales Long Cloth laid aside for the West Coast be now Laden on board ship Saram, with what rice she can take in.

The Registers place being Vacant by the late death of M<sup>r</sup>: Henry Dobyns, It is order'd that M<sup>r</sup>: John Berlu be appointed Register in his room of the admiralty Court.

Order'd that the Paymaster pays D<sup>r</sup>: Bulkley sixty five Pagodas, being for medicins provided for the Hospitall in February last,

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[11<sup>2x</sup>]

[Co]py  
Commission to  
ye:  
Advice  
frigate for  
taking  
Pirates wear-  
ing the  
Kings Jack.

Whereas our Sovereign Lord William the Third by his Commission under seal of England dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: day of [ . . . ] 1700 in the Twelfth year of his reign, [been] graciously pleased to Empower us the President & Council of Fort St: George to seize, Pirates [in] these parts, and to Examine them, a[n]d if a just cause appears, to Try them, and to [give] sentence and Judgement of Death and to award Execution of the Offenders convict[ed]; And wee the Presid<sup>t</sup>: and Council being credibly inform'd, that severall Pirates [exist?] in the streights of Malacca and upon the coast of China, whither wee are sending Advice frigate Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Redhead com[ander] Burthen about one hundred and fifty Tons, sixteen Gunns and about Fifty English [men] for which reasons wee Empower you the said Cap<sup>t</sup>: William Redhead by Virtue of his Majesties Commission, to attack & send any Pirates you shall meet with, and in case of resistance, that you sink & destroy them, but such persons of them as you [ . . . ] you are to secure with their Effects, and [send] 'em hither in order to be Tryed: and this in persuance to the putting in Execution his Majesties Commission, Wee do order to wear the Kings Jack & Pennant, pro[vided] that none of the Kings ships are present and this is your Commission for the same. Given under our hands & Dated at Fort St: Geo: in the City of Madrass on the Coast of Choromandel this Eleventh day of June an<sup>o</sup>: 1701.

BUGDEN Sec<sup>ry</sup>:

THO: PITT PRESIDENT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

THO: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

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Received 3<sup>d</sup> Pattamar overland, Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from Metchlepatam dated 3<sup>mo</sup>: Instant accompanying Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter from Vizagap<sup>m</sup>: dated the 21<sup>st</sup>: past, and a Pacquet from Bengall dated the 7<sup>th</sup>: April last

FRIDAY 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT &amp; GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL

THOMAS WRIGHT

JOHN MEVERELL

M<sup>s</sup>: EMPSON. NOT WELL.

[Order'd]  
the Town  
rent paid  
[to] Govr:  
of St:  
Thoma.

The Town rent of this place for one year being due the Ult<sup>o</sup>: Instant, It is order'd that the same be paid to Ahamud Syde Govern<sup>r</sup>: of St: Thoma, in persuance of the Kings Duans Letter to us, and that the usuall Present of half a peice Broad Cloth &c<sup>a</sup>: be given.

The Advice  
frigates  
Charterparty  
money  
order'd to be  
paid the  
Comr: &  
Four moths:  
impress to  
the men put  
on board ye:  
Advice  
frigate.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 55000  
paid into  
Cash for  
silver sold.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
order'd for  
defraying  
charges  
Garrison.

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 147: 2 be paid [Master] of the Advice frigate, being for Two [ . . . ] & fifty Dollars allow'd by said ships Charterparty as 3<sup>d</sup> his request enter'd next [after] this Consultation, and that the Paymaster pay four months Impress at five Pag<sup>s</sup>: to the ten men put on board the Advice frigate bound to Canton, as 3<sup>d</sup> Consultation of the 2<sup>d</sup>: Instant.

M<sup>s</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Fifty five thousand Pagodas for silver sold.

Order'd that one thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>s</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[13<sup>TH</sup>]

Order'd that Thirty thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be sent to Fort St<sup>e</sup>: David & Hampshire [with?] the severall stores ordered to be provided [in] Consultation the 27<sup>th</sup>: May last.

Page: 30000  
to be sent to  
Fort St:  
David with  
the stores  
formerly  
provided.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper [pays] six hundred ounces of silver to Mess<sup>rs</sup>: [Robert] Pitt & Edward Fleetwood, to pay the Pilot and ten men sent on ship Advice frigate, [and] wages shall be due to them in China [and] that the store-keeper delivers to Cap<sup>t</sup>: w<sup>m</sup>: [Redhead] Comander of the Advice frigate, Two candy country Gun-powder, four small Guns with carriages and one hundred [Granade] shells, being for the Defence of the ship, which on her return are to be redeliver'd into the stores, what spent or Embezled to bee paid for by the Commander.

600 oz. silver  
put on board  
the Advice  
frigate to pay  
her Pilot &  
10 men in  
China wages.  
Ammunition  
to be spared  
the Advice  
frigate, to be  
re-deliv'd.  
at her return  
from China,  
[Letters  
received]  
read.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the <sup>mo</sup>: Instant, from Vizagapa-  
tam the 21<sup>st</sup>: past, and from Bengall th 7<sup>th</sup>: April last, all read.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[THE] HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THO: PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT  
[ . . . ] COAST OF CHOROMANDELL & GOV<sup>R</sup>:  
[OF FORT] ST<sup>R</sup>: GEORGE & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCILL.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Sr: & C<sup>A</sup>:

'Tis allow'd me by Charter-party to take up of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>a</sup>: the sum  
of Two hundred and fifty Ryalls of eight, for the Victualling of the ship, which  
sum request your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>A</sup>: would furnish me with, chargeing it to acco<sup>t</sup>: of the  
Owners, to be paid out of the first freight she makes.

FORT ST<sup>e</sup>: GEORGE

[ . . . ] June 1701.

I am  
Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Sr: & C<sup>A</sup>:  
Yo<sup>r</sup>: most Obed<sup>t</sup>: hum<sup>ble</sup>: Serv<sup>t</sup>:  
WILLIAM REDHEAD.

Ship Zenall Abdeen, Coja Artoon saild [for] Cuddalore.

13<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Josiah Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Pye Comander arrived from England, and the  
Purser comeing ashore, informs their being [bound for] Bengall, and touch'd here  
only to [acquaint us] that touching at Johanna, they mett M<sup>r</sup>: [Lacuna in the  
original] the supra [Cargoe] of ship speaker, who desired his pass for England and  
was on board. Tha[t] said speaker Trading in the river [Masaleige] was  
surpriz'd by some Pirats com[ing] in a boat at night supposeing them to be their  
own people whom they had sent a[shore]. The names of persons who went  
over the Pirats were: Thomas Towsey, Carpenter; Robert Tood, Carpenters  
mate; George Kelly, Armourer; Edward Charloy, Boatswain; Hugh Maning,  
Quaterm<sup>r</sup>: John How, Cook.

15<sup>TH</sup>

Ship Dutchess Hugh Raimond Comander arrived from England, who gives 16  
[ . . . ] of his parting with the Bedfor[d] & Ph[œnix] about 300 Leagues  
this side the cape.

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701 —

MONDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  JOHN MEVERELL

Dutchess  
 Pacquet from  
 [...] open'd.  
 [Treasure  
 &c:] & Dut-  
 chess to be  
 unladen.  
 [Josiah] from  
 England  
 chases ship  
 suppos'd to  
 be [Speaker]

The Pacquet  $\Psi$  ship Dutchess being open'd was found to contain as  $\Psi$  the following List enter'd next after this consultation.

Order'd that the Treasure &c<sup>a</sup> : stores  $\Psi$  Dutchess be forthwith unladen.

The Pirates  
 certificate  
 given the  
 Speakers  
 [Company]  
 whom they  
 had [sic]

The Josiah from England arriveing in this road yesterday, who touch'd here in her way to Bengall, purposely to acquaint us, that off the Island of S<sup>t</sup> : Lawrance, they chas'd a ship suppos'd to be the Speaker, burthen about 4 (or) 500 Tons, which was taken by the Pirats as she was Trading in the river Masaleige at Madagascar, and had given the men a small Vessell to Transport 'em to what place they pleas'd, with a most impudent certificate, as hereafter enter'd Viz<sup>t</sup> :

"These are to Certifie all Governours, Cap<sup>ts</sup> : or whom else it may concern "that the ship Speaker was taken by us whose names are underwritten, and consider- ing their Misfortune, have given them (that is to say, the said ships company) a "Vessell to Transport them to [ a ] place they shall think fitt. Given under our "hands the Eighth day of April 1701. in the River Masaleige [at] Ma[d]agascar."

GEORGE B [ . . . ]

JOHN AP [ . . . ]

The Mark 4 of CORNELIUS G [ . . . ]

The news  
 of Pirats dis-  
 courages the  
 freighters to  
 send the  
 Advice frigate  
 to China &

This news alarm'd the Adventure [ . . . ] had hired the Advice frigate for China [ and ] design'd this day to Dispatch her, and [ . . . ] of 'em, being advis'd from England, the [ ship ] Loyall Cooke was gone thence to China, [being] design'd hither with commodities of the Country, they were inclin'd to desist [ from ] their undertaking, unless wee lett to [them] the Hampshire on reasonable terms considering the great quantity of [Ta . . . ] upon our hands, and the leave that [ . . . ] has given to employ some ships in y<sup>e</sup> : [country] and the oppertunity wee have of dis[patchting] so much silver to furnish us with pre[sent] money to carry on our Investments, the great encouragement it will be to [the] place, wee have after many debates, [resolved] to Lett the Hampshire to go for China [on] the Terms agreed in the Contract enter'd after this consultation.

therefore the  
 Hampshire is  
 Lett to them.

The freight-  
 ers of Hamp-  
 shire [...] Charge of y<sup>e</sup> :  
 Ten [...] Compa :  
 were to [...] Advice frigate.  
 Stores Order'd  
 for Fort S<sup>t</sup> :  
 [Davids &]  
 Hampshire to  
 be [traversed]  
 on y<sup>e</sup> :  
 Dutchess.

And whereas in the Contract on the Advice frigate, the company was to be at the charge of Ten men to be added to the ships Company, It is now agreed that altho those ten men proceed on the Hampshire, the freighters are to be at the charge thereof.

Order'd that the stores put on board the Hampshire for Fort S<sup>t</sup> : Davids, be travers'd on board the Dutchess.

THO : PITT.

FFRANCIS ELLIS.

THO : WRIGHT.

M : EMPSON.

JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE COMP<sup>a</sup> : PACKET TO FORT S<sup>t</sup> : GEORGE  $\Psi$  SHIP DUTCHESS.

- N<sup>o</sup> : 1. Duplicate Comp<sup>a</sup> : Gen<sup>ll</sup> : to y<sup>e</sup> Fort dat : 8<sup>th</sup> : Jan<sup>ry</sup> : 1700 sent  $\Psi$  Phoenix.
2. Copy of the Comp<sup>a</sup> : Gen<sup>ll</sup> : to the Fort dat : 6<sup>th</sup> : Dec<sup>r</sup> : 1700 sent  $\Psi$  Bedford & Phoenix.
3. Invoice of ship Dutchess.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[16<sup>TH</sup>]

4. Bill Lading of ship Dutchess.
5. Copy Ditto ships Charterparty.
6. Duplicate of y<sup>e</sup> : List of coast Goods to be provided an<sup>o</sup> : 170[0.]
7. List of ffactors & Writers for the Fort.
8. List of soldiers on board ship Dutchess.
9. List of soldiers on the Bedford.
10. List of soldiers on the Phoenix.
11. List of soldiers on the Hampshire.

CONTRACT and AGREEMENT between the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : the President & Councill, Fort S<sup>t</sup> : George for acco<sup>t</sup> : of the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : East India Company, and Mess<sup>rs</sup> : John Affleck, Robert Pitt, Edward Fleetwood &c<sup>a</sup> : ffreighters for the ffreightment of ship Hampshire burthen Three hundred, seventy five [Tons] or thereabouts, Zachariah Tovey Com[mander] now rideing in the road of Madrass, [as] to Charterparty, made between the R<sup>t</sup> : [Hon<sup>ble</sup>] English East India Company and her [owners] in England dated the 23<sup>d</sup> : day of October which said Charterparty, with and [ . . . ] Tonnage, Privileges under obligation [to] the said President and Councill do assign [ and ] make over unto the said John Affleck, Robert Pitt, Edward Fleetwood &c<sup>a</sup> : ffreighters to the sole Lading and ffreightment ther- [ of to ] the Port of Canton in China or any other port adjacent, for the consideration of Eight thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : of Madrass, to [be paid] by the said John Affleck, Robert Pitt, Edward Fleetwood &c<sup>a</sup> : ffreighters, unto the said [President] & Councill or their successors within the Days after the next arrivall of the said [ship] to this port or any other port or place [ on ] this coast of Choromandell where she [might] break Bulk. 'T is also Agreed, that the ffreighters are and shall be at all ch[arges] of measureing, Presents &c<sup>a</sup> : that shall [be] demanded or may happen dureing the said Voyage, and that she be Dispatch'd from China by the last day of January next ensuing the date hereof, and in case of any casualty or misfortune should happen in their Trade to China, then the Com[mander] hath liberty to stay any time longer, the said ffreighters allowing and paying her Charterparty Demorage for so many days as the ship shall be detain'd there after the said last day of January, the said ship being ready to sail from hence by or before the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant, In Witness whereof wee the President & Councill for acco<sup>t</sup> : and in behalf of the R<sup>t</sup> : H : English East India Company do hereby Oblige ourselves on the one part, and John Affleck, Robert Pitt & Edward Fleetwood for themselves and in behalf of the Freighters of the said ship on the other part, having hereunto interchangeably sett our hands and seals at Fort S<sup>t</sup> : George in the city of Madrass this 18<sup>th</sup> : day of June 1701.

JOHN AFFLECK.  
ROBERT PITT.  
EDW<sup>d</sup> : FLEETWOOD.

Ship Josiah Cap<sup>t</sup> : Thomas Pye Com[mander] saild for Bengall.  
Ship Bedford Cap<sup>t</sup> : John Hudson Com[mander] arrived from England.  
Commence Brigantine Charles Master saild for Bengall.

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## ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY [17<sup>TH</sup>]

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & [GOVERNOUR]  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS [WRIGHT]  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  JOHN MEVERELL

The Pacquet & ship Bedford open'd, was found to contain as & List next after this consultation, also the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Letter dated the 6<sup>th</sup> : December last deliver'd us by Cap<sup>t</sup> : Hudson.

Ship  
Bedfords  
Pacquet  
from the  
Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
open'd &  
read.

[17<sup>TH</sup>]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

The treasure  
& co: of  
Bedford to be  
unloaden.  
Three Chests  
of Gold  
of Bedford &  
Dutchess to  
be coin'd  
into Pagos:  
seventy  
chests of  
silver to be  
coin'd into  
Rapees.  
Two bills of  
Excha:  
from the  
Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
order'd to be  
paid.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd [to unlade] the Treasure &c<sup>a</sup>: Goods of ship Bedford takeing great care the chests are [well] Buoy'd, and that hee delivers the Mint the two chests of Gold of said ship, with the chest of Gold by the Dutchess to be coined into Pagodas, calling Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Griffith [&c<sup>a</sup>:] with the two Essaymasters to open and weigh the same and deliver their rep[ort], also that hee delivers seventy Chests of silver to be coin'd into Rupees for Bengal, [accord]ing to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>s</sup>: order.

M<sup>r</sup>: Anthony Haistwell presents us a Bill of Exchange dated the 30<sup>th</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: for Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1052: 24 payable to M<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>: Au[ . . . ] and by him indors'd to said Haistwell, and M<sup>r</sup>: Henry Davenport presents another bill dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: November 1700 for Three hundred sixty four ounces silver in french crowns payable to himself, which are order'd to be paid, being advis'd in the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Letter dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: December last.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

#### LIST OF THE COMP<sup>s</sup>: PACQUET TO THE FORT OF SHIP BEDFORD.

1. Duplicate of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup>: Fort dat: 20<sup>th</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: 1700.
2. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: to y<sup>e</sup>: Fort dat: 21 August 17[00] sent overland via Bombay.
3. Copy of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Gen<sup>l</sup>: to the Fort dat: 18<sup>th</sup>: & 25<sup>th</sup>: June 1700, sent by the Advice Frigat.
4. Warehousekeepers acco<sup>t</sup>: of Goods wanting of Martha & Neptune.
5. Invoice of the ship Bedford.
6. Bill Lading of the said ship.
7. Copy of the Charterparty Ditto ship.
8. The Auditor Generalls Letter to the Presid<sup>t</sup>: & Councill at the Fort dat: 30 November 1700.
9. List of Factors, Writers & Passengers, on y<sup>e</sup>: Bedford.
10. Patterns of Original, Rowalue, Podavetz & striped B[etteelas].
11. List of soldiers on board the Hampshire.
12. Pacquet directed to the President.
13. Another Pacquet directed to the President.

Received of Pattamar Overland Letter from Metchlepatam dated [ . . . ] Instant, incloseing Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter [from] Madapollam of the 2<sup>d</sup>: ditto with other papers as List, Also received Generall Letter from Bengall dat: [ . . . ] & copy of another dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: ditto.

FRIDAY  
20<sup>TH</sup>

#### ATT A CONSULTATION

##### Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOMAS MARSHALL                  JOHN MEVERELL

Letters  
received,  
read.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the 9<sup>th</sup>: June, from Madapollam [dated] 2<sup>d</sup>: ditto and from Bengall dated the 2<sup>d</sup>: [ . . . ] last (received overland) &c<sup>a</sup>: papers in [a] pacquet, all read.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JUNE 1701—

[20<sup>TH</sup>]

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer [read] his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month May last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Land Custom  
acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
May moth:  
read &

|                                                      |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Choultry custom ... ..                               | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 204: 1:[16] |
| Rubie Brokers ... ..                                 | „ 213: 26: 40                  |
| Town Rents for m <sup>os</sup> : April and May last. | „ 52: 22: 65                   |
| Registring Slaves ... ..                             | „ 2: —: —                      |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 472: 14: 41

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Four-hundred Sixty eight Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: Land customs.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 468  
paid into  
Cash on that  
acco<sup>t</sup>:  
[Portuguez]  
ent<sup>d</sup>:  
soldiers  
[40 fanams]  
Mensem  
to be  
[paid the]  
Chief  
choultry  
Conicoply.  
[ . . . ]  
of the  
Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
serv<sup>ts</sup>:  
[ . . . ]  
shipping  
appoint<sup>d</sup>:

Order'd that Francisco de Mount and Antonio de Coasta be Entertain'd soldiers in this Garrison.

Order'd that Jewah the cheif Choultry Conicoply be paid Forty fanams p<sup>p</sup> mensem being the salary of his Predecessor.

The Disposeall of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: ffactors and Writers sent out by the late shipping, being under consideration, It is resolved as follows, who were accordingly sent for and acquainted therewith.

FOR FORT S<sup>t</sup>: GEORGE.

|                                        |   |                                           |
|----------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------------|
| William Warr ffactor                   | } | under the Accomptant.                     |
| John Scarlet Writer                    |   |                                           |
| Theop <sup>s</sup> : Oglethrop writer, |   | under the President.                      |
| James Allix ffactor.                   |   | under the Warehousekeeper.                |
| Villiers Heveningham                   | } | Writers under y <sup>e</sup> : Secretary. |
| William Grosvenor                      |   |                                           |
| John Rudge                             |   |                                           |

FORT S<sup>t</sup>: DAVID.

|                          |   |         |
|--------------------------|---|---------|
| Richard Skingle ffactor. | } | Writers |
| Samuel Nelthorp          |   |         |
| Francis Pursell          |   |         |

METCHLEPATAM.

|                      |   |           |
|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Francis Hastings     | } | ffactors. |
| Richard Harrison     |   |           |
| Matthew Weld Writer. |   |           |

MADAPOLLAM.

Richard Peirson Writer.

VIZAGAPATAM.

William Morton Writer.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd [to sell] silver at the rate of sixteen & half weighty Dollars p<sup>p</sup> Ten Pagodas, there being [no] silver but what is in the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Go[downs] and our present necessities being sup[plied] by the silver sold to the China ships, [It is] therefore resolved to keep it up to the [same] price.

To sell silver  
at 16½  
weighty  
Dollars for  
Ten pagodas.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL

Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Lambert arrived from England.

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SATURDAY  
[21<sup>st</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

The Comp<sup>s</sup> :                      The Pacquet <sup>of</sup> Phoenix from England being open'd, was perus'd, and found  
 Pacquet <sup>of</sup>                      to contain as <sup>of</sup> List enter'd next after this Consultation.  
 Phoenix  
 open'd &  
 read.  
 [The Trea-                      The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unload the Treasure &c<sup>s</sup> : <sup>of</sup> Phoenix,  
 sure &c<sup>s</sup> : of                      takeing care that the chests are first well Buoy'd.  
 Phoenix to  
 [be unloaden]  
 [Particular  
 persons [of]  
 the Compa :  
 to be  
 [ . . . ]

In the Invoice <sup>of</sup> ship Bedford, chest N<sup>o</sup> : 266 containing french crowns being  
 sent out for acco<sup>t</sup> : of severall persons here, as advised in the R<sup>t</sup> : H : Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
 Letter dated the 3<sup>d</sup> : December last, The Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver  
 the same, takeing their respective receipts, and that of S<sup>r</sup> : Christopher Mus-  
 graves, the President doth particularly take care of, in order to remit it home, his  
 Son M<sup>r</sup> : Simon Musgrave being dead.

THO : PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO : WRIGHT.  
 M : EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

LIST OF THE COMP<sup>s</sup> : PACKET TO THE FORT by the ship Phoenix.

1. Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>l</sup> : to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : George dat : 8 : Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1700.
2. Copy of Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>l</sup> : to Ditto dat : 20 : Nov<sup>r</sup> : 1700 & 3<sup>d</sup> : Dec<sup>r</sup> : sent <sup>of</sup>  
 Hampshire & Bedford.
3. Duplicate of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Gen<sup>l</sup> : to the Fort dat : the 6<sup>th</sup> : December 1700  
 sent <sup>of</sup> Bedford.
4. Invoice of the Ship Phoenix.
5. Bill[Lading of ditto.]
6. Copy of the Phoenix's Charterparty.
7. Copy of the Auditor Generalls Letter [to the] President & Councill dat :  
 30 Novem<sup>r</sup> : [1700] <sup>of</sup> ship Bedford.
8. List of Factors and Writers sent to[Madras] anno 1700.
9. List of Coast goods to be provided an [ . . . ]
10. Petition of Richard Darley.
11. Petition of Ann Bull.

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Ship Hampshire Zachary Tovey [Comander] saild for Canton in China.

MONDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Want of salt-                      Being under some apprehention [of] the want of salt-petre for the September  
 petre for the                      shipping, Resolved that the Advice frigate [be] immediately Dispatch'd for Bengall  
 September

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what Redwood in readiness, to be Laden with Petre and necessarys for the use of Garrison, and on her return, that she sent to the West Coast or Dispatch'd [for England] in September, and that the President in Bengall be advis'd to send the Josiah Ketch to the West Coast with Provisions &c<sup>a</sup>: according to the Comp<sup>s</sup>: directions.

ships feared.  
Advice frigate  
to be sent to  
Bengall for  
Petre &c<sup>a</sup>:  
and on her  
return to  
be sent to  
the West  
Coast or  
England.  
[Direction]  
to send ye:  
[Josiah]  
[to ye:] West  
Coast.

The disposeall of this years shipping being under our consideration, 'tis agreed as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>:

[Dispose] all  
of ye:  
Europe  
[shipping  
agreed].  
Dutchess  
of ye: No:  
ern [factorys]  
to return:

That the Dutchess so soon as she's ready, do proceed to carry Treasure for the Northern ffactorys, to return hither with what Bales can be procured there towards her Loading for England in September next.

[Treasure  
for the  
Northern  
Factorys  
[to be laden  
on] the  
Dutchess.

Order'd that Forty four thousand Pagodas be Laden by the Warehousekeeper on board the Dutchess for Metchlepatam & Madapollam and Twenty four thousand Pagodas for Vizagap<sup>m</sup>: and to Lade what Salt-petre there is in the Godown, reserveing Fifty bags for the use of the Garrison.

There being proposealls made for the ffreighting the Phoenix for Persia, but comeing to no resolution, the further consideration is referred to next Consultation day.

[Proposealls  
for]  
Freighting  
the [Phoenix  
for] Persia  
but not  
[considered]

Resolved that the Bedford be Laden for Europe in January next, and that the Captain do prepare his ship to proceed to Fort St: David, upon whom the President and some of the Councill designs to take their passage, and upon his return, 'Tis resolved that she be Dispatched with what Rupees will be then ready (the[ . . . ] day & night at work) for Bengall[ . . . ] in her Kentlage of salt-petre there.

[Bedford] to  
be the Jan'y:  
[Ship for  
Europe,  
[to proceed  
to] Fort  
St: David.  
& on [her  
return to]  
Bengall.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd [to lade] the Charterparty proportion of Redwood on board the Bedford & Dutchess, and that the severall stores Laden on Dutchess for Fort St: David, be now Travers'd on board the Bedford.

To Lade the  
Charterparty  
proportion of  
Redwood on  
board the  
Bedford &c<sup>a</sup>:  
ships.  
Stores for  
Fort St:  
David to be  
travers'd on  
board ye:  
Bedford.

Order'd that James Blacket be [discharged] the Gunroom crew, at his request.

European  
discharg'd  
the Gunroom.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
JOHN MEVERELL.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

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WEDNES-  
DAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters to the  
subordinate  
factorys,  
read.  
[Portugues  
entertd:]

Generall Letters to York Fort, [P]ryamong, Metchlepatam, Madapollam & Vizagapatam all of yesterdays date, read & approved.

Order'd that John de Soza Portuguez be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

[Provisions  
sent] to  
Fort St:  
[David by the  
Bed]ford.  
[Agreed that  
500 Pag<sup>s</sup> :]  
be paid y<sup>e</sup> :  
Presidt :

Order'd that ffactors provisions be sent to Fort St: David by the Bedford, according to a List now produc'd, they wanting them.

The President acquainted the Councill, that he had been at some charge upon the Companys acco<sup>t</sup> : of which he desired to be excused from giving any particulars, and requests there be Five hundred Pagodas paid him out of the Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash. Agreed that the same be paid.

THO : [PITT.]  
 [FFRANCIS ELLIS.]  
 [THOMAS WRIGHT.]  
 [M : EMPSON.]  
 THOM<sup>s</sup> : [MARSHALL.]  
 JOHN : [MEVERELL.]

FRIDAY 27.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

[400 pags :]  
paid into  
Cash on  
[account of]  
y<sup>e</sup> : arrac  
farm.

Gruapah &c<sup>a</sup> : arrac ffarmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys cash Four hundred Pag<sup>s</sup> : on that account.

Provisions  
for ye: Genll :  
Table to be  
bought.

The Paymaster is [ordered to buy] the following stores, being wanted [for] the Generall Table Viz<sup>t</sup> :

|              |     |     |     |                        |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| English beer | ... | ... | ... | 4 Tons.                |
| Sauces       | ... | ... | ... | 2 Cases.               |
| Oyl          | ... | ... | ... | 10 Gall <sup>s</sup> . |
| Wine Europe  | ... | ... | ... | 6 Chests.              |
| Cheese       | ... | ... | ... | 300 lb <sup>s</sup> .  |
| Vinegar      | ... | ... | ... | 40 Gall <sup>s</sup> . |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 45000  
paid into  
cash for  
silver sold.  
[Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1100  
for]  
turn'd out  
cloth.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash For[ty five] thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : on acco<sup>t</sup> : silver sold, and Eleven hundred Pagodas being for[the] turn'd out cloth sold at Outcry of the [ . . . ] for which the Joint Stock Merchants [are] order'd to have credit.

THO : [PITT.]  
 FFRANCIS [ELLIS.]  
 THO : [WRIGHT.]  
 M : [EMPSON.]  
 THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

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Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with copy of the Contract for 20000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: deliverable in September next. 28

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
[28<sup>th</sup>]

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Wee just now receiveing Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with copy of their Contract for 20,000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: for the September ship, and adviseing that their Merchants will engage for a further Contract of 30,000 Pag<sup>s</sup>: deliverable [in] January next, It is therefore agreed that six thousand Pagodas be added to the Twenty four thousand order'd the 23<sup>d</sup>: Inst: to be sent & the Dutchess. 6000 pag<sup>s</sup>: to be [sent to] Vizagapa: & Dutchess.

Order'd that Peter Johnson be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison. [a soldier] entertain'd.

Serapa &c<sup>a</sup>: Joint Stock Merchants informing us that the Dutch who have now made great contracts all along this coast, are tampering with all our weavers to seduce 'em from our service, and whereas it has been the custom in such considerable Contracts as has been lately made here, to Deposit in the weavers hands five Pagodas for each Loom, to be deliver'd in cloth at the last Payment, the Dutch now to ingrosse the Weavers and gett 'em from our Merchants have offer'd to Deposit in the [ir hands] Ten Pagodas for each Loom, so [avoid] the ill consequences if wee should [order] our Merchants to do the same, as they will inevitably loose their [contract], wee order that forthwith Fifteen Pagodas be paid Serapa &c<sup>a</sup>: Joint [Stock] Merchants being in full of their [contract] dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: August 1700 and Fifteen [thousand] Pagodas advanc'd to them, for which they are to bring the ordinary Long Cloth [and] Salampores upon the Terms of said [contract]. [Dutch] endeavour to draw [our weavers to] them by de [posting 10 pag<sup>s</sup>: for] each loom. To enable our Merchants to do the same with the Dutch, 30000 pag<sup>s</sup>: order'd to be paid them.

Mr: Matthew Empson pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Three thousand Pago [das on] acco<sup>t</sup>: Sea Customs. Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3000, paid into Cash on acco<sup>t</sup>: Sea Customs.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd [to deliver] into the Mint the two chests of Gold [ . . . ] by ship Phoenix to be coin'd into Pa [godas] calling the severall persons lately [ . . . ] to see them weigh'd and attest them. The two chests Gold & Phoenix to be coin'd into Pagodas.

[THO: PITT.]  
[FRANCIS ELLIS.]  
[THO: WRIGHT.]  
[M: EMPSON.]  
[THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.]  
[JOHN MEVERELL.]

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 27<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed. 29<sup>th</sup>

Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 19<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with the severall papers mention'd therein. 30

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MONDAY  
[30<sup>th</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Genl: Lrs:  
[recd:]read.

Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 27<sup>th</sup>: Instant and from Metchlepatam the 19<sup>th</sup>: ditto, both read.

[Fort S<sup>t</sup>:]  
Davids bills  
Excha:  
[... ]Met-  
chlepm:  
order'd.

Order'd that Fourteen hundred & sixty Pagodas to be paid Sunca Rama and Three hundred Pagodas to Moota Linga Chittee, being for two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Governour &<sup>a</sup>: Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David both dated the 27<sup>th</sup>: Instant, also that six thousand Pagodas be paid Kittee Narrain, being for one bill drawn by the Cheif &<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Metchlepatam dated the 19<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

[E]ntd:  
soldiers.

Order'd that John Hurst, Jacento Deus, Domingo Deigar, Diego Deigar and Manuel Quiela Portuguez be Entertain'd soldiers in this Garrison.

[Factors]  
entertain'd  
[for]ye: W<sup>t</sup>:  
Coast.

Robert Scott & Arthur Cutler soldiers, having behaved themselves well and been long Employed in the Book[keepers] office in this place, and they [ . . . ] offering to go to the West Coast, [ordered that] they be Entertain'd ffactors, and [thirty] Pogodas to each be advanc'd for [ . . . ]'em necessarys, to be deducted out [ . . . ] salarys there.

Thirty pag<sup>s</sup>:  
advanc'd to  
each of the  
two factors  
entd: for the  
West Coast.

Order'd that one chest of Dollars[be sent] to the West Coast & ship Sarum if propper [ . . . ]

are procureable, it being the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: repeated orders for sending full supplys.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Ship Advice frigate William Redhe[ad Comd<sup>r</sup>:] saild for Bengall, by whom sent [Generall] Letter to the President & Councill dated 24<sup>th</sup>: Instant &<sup>a</sup>: papers as & List [ . . . ] ship went Passengers three of the servants Viz<sup>t</sup>: Mess<sup>rs</sup>: John Moun [ . . . ] M<sup>r</sup>: Van Sittart and M<sup>r</sup>: Charles. [R . . . ]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[JULY]  
[Tu]ESDAY  
1<sup>st</sup> mo  
[1<sup>st</sup>]

[1000 Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
Ordered]  
to be paid  
ye: Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
[for] charges  
Garrison.  
[Portu-  
guez]entd:  
soldier  
[Pag<sup>s</sup>: 6000]  
paid into  
Cash for  
Goods sold.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Order'd that Joan Pereira & Francisco de Sorza Portuguez be Entertain'd soldiers in this Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash six thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver and Goods sold.

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[1<sup>st</sup>]

Order'd that the Paymaster Advances One hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: to Kittee Narrain to def[ray] his Expences to Metchlepatam & Mada<sup>ca</sup>[pollam] for which he is to render an acco<sup>t</sup>: at his return, and that Fanams 10: 40 be also paid him, being the Ballance of an Account now deliver'd in, of One hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: formerly advanc'd him, to defray charges of his last Expedition thither.

[Pag<sup>s</sup>: 100]  
to be paid  
Kittee  
Narrain [for]  
bearing his  
charges [nor]  
thward &  
[ . . . ]  
as the  
Ballance of  
[ . . . ]  
acco<sup>t</sup>:  
formerly.

Order'd that what wages due to Jango deceas'd late cheif Dubash be paid at five Pag<sup>s</sup>: ½ mensem.

Wages due to  
Jango  
Dubash to be  
paid.

Wee being credibly inform'd of Nabob Doud Cawns comeing to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma that he'l be there in few days, being upon his march, It is Agreed [a] Present be prepared for him, [Duan,] Buxie, the particulars to be here concerted.

The Nabob  
of these parts  
being  
expected at  
S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma,  
a Present to  
be prepared  
for him & co<sup>a</sup>:  
officers.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

This day Doud Cawn comeing [to] S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, wee sent Narrain to wait [on] the Duan, to know when would be the properest time to attend the Nabob with our Present, who in the Eveñing returned & brought us word, that the Duan ad[mits] us tomorrow morning.

Narrain sent  
to ye: Duan  
to [know]  
when wee  
shod: attend  
[on the]  
Nabob wth:  
our Present.  
[word?]  
was brought  
tomorrow  
morning.  
[Necessary]  
orders given  
to keep  
Garrison in  
good  
defence  
[Connocill]  
to meet  
tomorrow  
[morning to]  
consult what  
[ . . . ]  
ye: Nabob.

The Garrison being in good order the Govern<sup>r</sup>: gave out necessary Direc[tions] [to] the officers to be very strict in their Duty and keep both companys to their Arms to prevent Surprize, and order'd the Gunner to shot all the Guns upon the works towards S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma.

The Councill are order'd to meet tomorrow morning at six a clock to consult the Quantum of the Present, and who are proper to send to wait on the Nabob.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
3<sup>RD</sup> :

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS  
MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEYERELL.

[Presents]  
to the  
Nabob &ca :  
The persons  
appointed to  
carry ye :  
Presents for  
ye : Nabob  
&ca : sett  
forward  
about 10 this  
morning.

Wee having Agreed the amount of the Present to the Nabob, Duan, Buxie &c<sup>a</sup>: as ap<sup>d</sup> List hereafter Enter'd, and M<sup>r</sup>: Ellis offering himself to go with it, 'twas Agreed that hee and M<sup>r</sup>: Davenport should go, with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Lam[bert], the latter out of curiosity being desirous to see the Nabob &c<sup>a</sup>: and to attend them [with Ling] uists, It is order'd that Narrain & the [Linguists] go with them; so about ten this morning they sett out, attended with a serjant Foils of Granadeers.

The ready cash design'd for the Nabob for his Present complain'd of by ye: Duan as not enough. One thousand Rups: more sent Mr: Ellis for ye: Nabob. Mr: Ellis &ca: returning, acquits: their reception from ye: Nabob. [ . . . ] his present back, brought back, part of the Duans & all the Buxies. The Councill & Comanders of ye: [Europe] ships to meet tomorrow evening to consult what is necessary for defence of ye: Garrison.

The Linguists going directly to [the Duan] to give an acco<sup>t</sup> : of the Present for [him], the Nabob & Buxie, hee complain'd [ . . . ] ready money for the Nabob was too [ . . . ] desired that the Persia Mare might [ . . . ] and two half peices of yellow cloth, and [that] the Nabob might have one thousand [rup<sup>s</sup>:] in the room of it, of which M<sup>r</sup>: Ellis [ . . . ] the Governour by note, who with the [order] of the Councill sent him One thousand [rup<sup>s</sup>:].

Nabob.  
 Mr: Ellis  
 &c<sup>a</sup>: return-  
 ing, acquits:  
 their recep-  
 tion from y<sup>e</sup>:  
 Nabob.  
 [ . . . ]  
 his present  
 brought  
 back. part of

About eight this night M<sup>r</sup>: Ellis, return'd from S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, acquaints us of  
 the odd sort of reception they had [from] the Nabob, and that he had return'd  
 the Present except two Parrots, and that [the] Duan accepted of what Cloth &c<sup>a</sup>:  
 but money intended for him was brought [back] they having not an opportunity  
 to [visit] him, after their Vissitting the Nabob [ . . . ] Buxies Present  
 &c<sup>a</sup>: was likewise br[ought] back, and one of the Granad[iers] as he return'd  
 hither.

Councill to be [summond to meet] at 7 a Clock tomorrow [evening with] Com̃anders of the Eur [ope ships to consult] what is most proper to be done to reinforce the Garrison and prevent the Nabob from doing us any mischief.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
M: EMPFON.  
THOMAS: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

LIST OF THE PRESENTS SENT BY M<sup>r</sup>: ELLIS [P . . ] FOR THE NABOB & CO  
OFFICERS AT S<sup>t</sup>: THOMA.

To the Nabob

[p ti]culars  
of ye : Pre-  
sents to  
Nabob &ca :  
officers.

|                          |     |     |     |     |                 |                      |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|----------------------|
| Scarlet two half peices  | ... | ... | ... | ... | q <sup>ts</sup> | 24 y <sup>ds</sup> : |
| Broad Cloth red ordinary | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :   |
| Ditto Yellow             | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 2                    |
| Rose-Water               | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 1 chest.             |
| China silk Gold          | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 1 p <sup>s</sup> :   |
| Ditto plain              | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 1                    |

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[3<sup>RD</sup>]

|                                     |     |     |     |     |     |                 |            |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|------------|
| China Sweetmeats                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | q <sup>ts</sup> | 3 Jars.    |
| Two Parrots                         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | Nil.       |
| Spirits                             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 50 bottles |
| Ditto with Gold leaf                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 12         |
| Looking Glasses small               | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | "               | 4          |
| A Persia Mare                       |     |     |     |     |     |                 |            |
| Rupees Three thousand five hundred. |     |     |     |     |     |                 |            |

To the Duan

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |   |                    |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|--------------------|
| Broad Cloth red ordinary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 1 p <sup>s</sup> : |
| Ditto Yellow             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 2 p <sup>s</sup> : |
| China Silks              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ]            |
| Perpetuanoes fine        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ]            |
| Ditto ord <sup>y</sup> : | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ]            |
| Looking Glasses small    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ]            |
| Rupees Two thousand      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ]            |

To the Buxie

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |   |         |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---------|
| Broad Cloth red ordinary | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ] |
| Ditto Yellow             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ] |
| Perpetuanoes fine        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ] |
| Ditto ordinary           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ ... ] |
| Looking Glasses small    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | [ 2 ]   |
| Rupees Five hundred      |     |     |     |     |     |   |         |

To the Duans Bro<sup>r</sup> : Amud Tire.

|                                    |     |     |     |     |     |   |                    |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|--------------------|
| Broad Cloth red ord <sup>y</sup> : | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 1 p <sup>s</sup> : |
| Looking Glasses small              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 2                  |

To Mamood Abdula

|                                    |     |     |     |     |     |   |                    |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|--------------------|
| Broad cloth red ord <sup>y</sup> : | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 1 p <sup>s</sup> : |
| Looking Glasses small              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | " | 2                  |

ATT A CONSULTATION

FRIDAY  
4<sup>TH</sup> :

Present

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| THOMAS PITT ESQ <sup>r</sup> : | PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR |
| FRANCOIS ELLIS                 | THOMAS WRIGHT           |
| MATTHEW EMPSON                 | THOMAS MARSHALL         |
| JOHN MEVERELL                  | JOHN HU[DSON]           |
| THOMAS LAMBERT                 | HUGH [RAYMOND]          |

Wee being inform'd by [the people we] keep at S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, that after [ ... ] ye: came away last night, the [ Nobob ... ] in discourse about Nabobs dis- this place [ ... ] saying [ ... ] that Ten thousand Pagodas should course of not Excu[ ... ] reflecting upon the amo<sup>t</sup>: of our Revenues [ ... ] this [place] particularly upon the Tobacco & Beetle, and Building the Black Town & other causes, his wall and several other things, from which wee infer, as like[wise] from all his [fa]vour is actions since he was Nabob, [ ... ] wee must expect no favour from him; suspected. for [ ... ] yesterday of his own accord, he told our Ling[ui]sts that he had sent four Chubdars and Twenty men as a safe Guard to prevent any of his army Plundering our Villages, notwithstanding which, they fell in upon one of 'em this [morning] and carried a great quantity of straw and Firewood, whereupon the Govern<sup>r</sup>: wrote [to the] Nabob and Duan the two Letters enter'd [after] this Consultation.

[4th]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

[Ra]ther than  
gratify the  
Nabobs un-  
reasonable  
dem'd :  
[ . . . ]  
preparations  
to be made  
[to] with-  
stand him.

Wee considering that if there be no stop put to these unreasonable demands [of the] Nabobs &c<sup>a</sup>: that the ill consequences will in a little time, be no less than a vast [ . . . ] all charge to this place, and wee all unanimously concludeing this to be a proper [time] to withstand 'em, being inform'd that [his] army consists of no more than Three [thousand] Horse and seven thousand foot, wee think ourselves in a condition with the force [wee] have and can raise to Baffle him, if he offers to make any attempt upon us, [By] order of the Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Councill, and advice [of] the Co<sup>m</sup>manders of the Europe ships & Co<sup>m</sup>-[issioned] Officers of the Garrison, 'Tis resolved that the following measures be taken Viz<sup>t</sup>:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the Europe ships tomorrow morning, Land men [acc]ording to Charterparty Viz<sup>t</sup>: Fifty out of the Bedford, Thirty from the Dutchess, and Thirty from y<sup>e</sup>: Phoenix which will [make a good] Marrein Comp[any].

2<sup>nd</sup>: That the Train'd [ . . . ] of this [ . . . ] Tomorrow rais'd [Cap<sup>t</sup>:] Geo[rge] Heron be appointed [Captain] M<sup>r</sup>: John Berlu Lieutenant [and] Thomas Wigmore Ensign & Commissions be accordingly drawn out.

3<sup>rd</sup>: That about one hundred & twenty of the Portuguez Inhabitants are to be immediately rais'd and armed a[nd] for[med] into a Company and Co<sup>m</sup>manded by Cap<sup>t</sup>: Emanuel de Si[ . . . ].

4<sup>th</sup>: That the Paymaster entertains [one] hundred Peons to lye out as Scouts for intelligence & re-inforce our out-watching places.

5<sup>th</sup>: That all the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cloth be brought in from the Washers, wash'd and unwash'd to prevent its being Plu[ndered] and that the likeliest men of the washers be arm'd and Posted in our out Villages.

So all the preparations wee are cap[able] of being made for the defence of the place, wee resolve that if the Nabob [will not?] accept of the Present wee first proffer'd [him], that hee shall have nothing.

THO : PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO : WRIGHT.

MATTHEW EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

TO NABOB DOUD CAWN ATT S<sup>r</sup>: THOMA

Your Excell<sup>y</sup>: on your coming to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma was so just and generous as to appoint our own people to guard our Towns to prevent [their] being plundered, which occasion'd my [not] sending any of our own people, but I am just now inform'd that your men have fallen in on the Towns and plunder'd [them] which is contrary to the trust wee [reposed on] yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>y</sup>s: word and justice. July 4<sup>th</sup>: [ . . . ]

THOMAS PITT.

TO THE DUAN MAMOOD SYDE ATT S<sup>r</sup>: THOMA.

'Tis great satisfaction to me that [I] have a person of your Hon<sup>r</sup>: and worth to be friend, for which my acknowledgements [will] never be wanting.

The Nabob out of his own generosity appointed guards for our Towns, which prevented sending some of our own, but this morning contrary to his word of honour, his people are plundering of 'em. I am unwilling to occasion troubles in the Kings country, therefore I write to your Hon<sup>r</sup>: his Maj<sup>ties</sup>: Duan: what can I write more.

July the 4<sup>th</sup>: 1701.

THOMAS PITT.

— FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701 —

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
[5<sup>th</sup>]

*Present*

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR |                 |
| FRANCIS ELLIS                     | THOMAS WRIGHT   |
| MATTHEW EMPSON                    | THOMAS MARSHALL |
| JOHN MEVERELL                     | JOHN HUDSON     |
| THOMAS LAMBERT                    | HUGH RAYMOND.   |

The Councill mett this morning and the Comanders of the Europe ships sent for in order to put yesterdays resolution in Execution.

Being advis'd by our out Guards that some of the army had again plunder'd our out Towns of straw and wood, the Governour wrote the Nabob a Letter as entere'd after this Consultation, and sent a Letter for him which he receiv'd from Zulphaker Cawn.

'Tis reported that the Nabob has wrote Letters to the Governours of all Forts hereabout to send him in what force they have of horse and foot, and to the Dutch to spare him Ca[valry].

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant, read. And therein advised their having drawn a bill of Exchange for Three hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: payable to Sunca Ram[a]; Order'd that the same be paid.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Councill mett to put [yester]days resolution in Execution. Army continuing to [plunder] in our Towns, a Letter sent to the Nabob. Reported that ye: Nabob has wrote for more forces. [Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter] from St. Davids read, [and] their bill Excha: for 300 pa: order'd to be paid.

TO NABOB DOUD CAWNE ATT S<sup>t</sup>: THOMA.

I received Letters from the great Assed and Cawn Baudre and one for yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>y</sup>: which I here send.

I wrote yo<sup>r</sup>: Excell<sup>y</sup>: yesterday morning that some of yo<sup>r</sup>: forces had plunder'd our Town notwithstanding yourself appointed [y<sup>m</sup>:] to preserve them; this has been twice [done] much to our prejudice, so that wee must now resolve to provide for our security, [for] that wee are neither to share in yo<sup>r</sup>: Exc[ell<sup>y</sup>:] favour nor Justice, which is our great misfortune.  
July the 5<sup>th</sup>: 1701.

THOMAS PITT.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort [S<sup>t</sup>: David] of the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> papers inclos'd [ . . . ]

The Generall report is, that the Nabob [is] makeing great preparations for 6 attacking this place.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
7<sup>th</sup>

*Present*

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR |                 |
| FRANCIS ELLIS                     | THOMAS WRIGHT   |
| MATTHEW EMPSON                    | THOMAS MARSHALL |
| JOHN MEVERELL                     | JOHN HUDSON     |
| THOMAS LAMBERT                    | HUGH RAYMOND.   |

The Governour & Councill with the advice of the Comanders of the Europe ships and Commission officers of the Garrison, quarter'd the men and appointed

Garrison put into a [state] of Defence.

[7<sup>th</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

their particular posts, it being very hotly reported, that the Nabob is making great preparations to come against us.

Order'd that Fifty Lascars more be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges of the Black Town wall and new works.

Lascars  
entertain'd.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
[1000] paid  
for carrying  
[repairs on  
the Black  
Town] new  
wall.  
Dutchess to  
be detain'd  
[for] ye:  
Nabobso  
near.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 22000  
of the money  
design'd  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Dutchess for  
Metchlepm:  
to be sent  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Pembrook  
frigate wth:  
ye: Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
Servants.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 12000  
paid into  
Cash for  
silver sold.

It being thought necessary to detain the Dutchess for countenance of the place dureing Doud Cawns Stay at S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma and whereas by her Forty four thousand was order'd for Metchlepatam, It is no[w] agreed that Twenty two thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be sent by ship Pembrook frigate, she [being] suddainly design'd for Madapollam, [ . . . ] enable them and Metchlepatam to ca[rry] on their Investments, and that the [said] Comp<sup>s</sup>: servants take their passage, as by consultation of the 20<sup>th</sup>: past were appo[rtioned] for those ffactorys.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Twelve thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver sold.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

7

Our Mullah at S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma advises that [in] his conference with the Duan this day [ . . . ] Duan told him he fear'd some ill Events [if] wee sent not Ten thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: and that sum would effectually procure [ . . . ] requested, whereupon answer was [ . . . ] the Mullah (to be imparted to the D[uan]) that wee expected no new Grants, only a confirmation of our Perwannas in possession and that wee would not add anything to what first sent.

TUESDAY  
8<sup>th</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[Letter]  
from ye:  
Duan advise  
[ . . . ]  
letters are  
accommo-  
dated  
[ . . . ]  
& yt: he  
would  
[ . . . ]  
Present.  
[Duan  
Letter] sent  
tomorrow.

The Governour receiving this day a Letter from the Duan, acquaints y<sup>e</sup>: Councill therewith, translate whereof is enter'd after this Consultation, the purport being to advise us, that he had appeas'd the anger of the Nabob, who would now accept our Present, which wee intend shall be sent him Tomorrow morning, in order thereto, the Councill are desired to meet early.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

[8<sup>TH</sup>]

From Duan Mahomud Side.

My constant Prayers to he [aven] is for peace and quietness to the whole w[orld] and 'tis my endeavours to forward the same when it lyes in my power, accordingly [I] did the utmost to appease the Nabob, [which] is now effected and he satisfied; you [may] now send one of your trusty English[man] with Narrain and Mullah and the Present which was return'd, which I will see [are] presented & procure their Dispatch. As to my temper to make up all differences, [your] Hon<sup>r</sup>: may rest assured of me for your [medi]ator. What else material, Coja Homud [will] inform you.

Received Generall Letter from Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 5<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

8<sup>TH</sup>

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Governour & Councill being [ now ] Dispatch'd away the Presents that wee return'd with Narrain and our Mulla adding [ . . . ] to the Nabobs Present a Looking Glass, a China Lanthorn, two China [ . . . ] and a Dog to a Dog, the Govern<sup>r</sup>: answering the Duans Letter as enter'd after this Consultation.

The return'd  
Presents  
sent again  
to the Nabob  
&c: with a  
Letter to y<sup>e</sup>:  
Duan.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

I heartily join with yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: in wishing peace and quietness to the whole world, and shall always do and contribute what lyes in my power to effect the same when 'tis to be had on hon<sup>ble</sup>: & just terms. I have sent Narrain and Coja Amood with the Present that was return'd, desireing that it may be deliver'd as was first design'd. I shall always acknowledge yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>rs</sup>: favour and proclaim you to the world to be a man of honour & justice. July the 9<sup>th</sup>: 1701.

Duan  
Mahomud  
Side att St<sup>t</sup>:  
Thoma.

THOMAS PITT.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup>:

*Present*

THOMAS PITT [PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:]  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      [THOMAS WRIGHT]  
MATHEW EMPSON                  [THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL]  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Narrain and the Mullah return'd about one a clock this morning from St<sup>t</sup>: Thoma and gives us the following account.

Our people  
who carried  
ye: Presents  
to the Nabob  
&c: return'd.

That the Nabob receiv'd his Present very kindly with great expressions of friendship and sent a Horse and Tashereiff to the Gov<sup>r</sup>: That the Duan had received his Present, [but] told them, that hee had added Fifteen hundred Rupees of his own to the Nabobs to make it acceptable to him, the meaning of which wee well understand, and told 'em, that if Coja Amud our Mullah should come to-morrow, he would give him Perwannas for confirmation of our Privileges.

An accot: of  
their negotia-  
tion.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

[10<sup>TH</sup>]

[No]  
Confidence to  
be put in the  
Nabob, altho  
he appears  
friendly.

This suddain alteration happening makes us fear a snake in the Grass, and resolve that wee will not Disband any of our forces till his army marches, unless [they] be ship Dutchess's men, wee having great occasion to send her to our Northern factory [s] with money to carry on their Investment.

The money  
intended  
Pembroke  
frigat to be  
sent on y<sup>e</sup>  
Dutchess.

And whereas by Consultation of the 7<sup>th</sup> : Instant, wee resolved to send 22000 by the Pembroke frigat and the Companys servants for those parts, It is now order'd that all the former money intended for [those] factorys, be sent on the Dutchess, that she be Dispatch'd with all speed.

[Dutchmen,  
& [at Pulicat,  
the boat &  
two of y<sup>e</sup>  
men  
deliver'd.

Whereas three Dutchmen Viz<sup>t</sup>: Peter Johnson, Hance Hermanson & [Lacuna in the original] some days past run away with the Dutchess Yawl to Policat, where they were apprehended by the Dutch cheif there and notice given us thereof, upon which the Gov<sup>r</sup>: sent persons to receive 'em, to whom two of the men and Boat was deliver'd, and the other detain'd upon the acco<sup>t</sup>: of his being their Countryman, whose delivery wee still insist upon and considering that if these men are not made a publick Example, 'twill be an encouragement for others to do the like, wee therefore order that Peter Johnson & Hance Her- man be deliver'd into the custody of the Marshall and hee put 'em in a boat and carrys 'em to the sides of three Europe ships now in the road, and gives 'em Twenty one Drubs on the bare backs at each ships side, and afterwards deliver 'em up to their Com<sup>d</sup>ander Cap<sup>t</sup>: Raymond.

Their  
punishment  
appointed.

Letter from  
Ft: St:  
David, read.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: the 5<sup>th</sup> : Instant read.

Bill of  
Excha<sup>g</sup>: from  
St: David  
order'd to be  
paid.

Order'd that Four hundred & fifty Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid Sunca Rama, being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 4<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY  
[11<sup>TH</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[The freight  
of y<sup>e</sup>  
Comps: Goods  
for y<sup>e</sup>: W<sup>t</sup>:  
Coast to be  
[paid]  
Nabob sends  
word himself  
[will] come &  
dine w<sup>th</sup>: us.

Addition to our Letters for Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: & Vizagapatam intended @ Dutchess, both of this date, read and approved.

The ffreight of the stores & c<sup>a</sup>: sent to the West Coast @ ship Sarum on the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys acco<sup>t</sup>: being settled by us, amo<sup>t</sup>: to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 465: 12, It is order'd that the same be paid here.

This day the Nabob sent us word, [that] tomorrow, himself, the Duan & Buxie would Dine with us, and desired to know with what attendance wee would admit him. Wee would fane have evaded it, but the messenger he sent, pressing us so hard for a Direct answer, wee sent him word, that the Hon<sup>r</sup>: was too great to desire it, and greater than wee expected, and if hee pleased to come, hee should be very welcome and wee be ready to receive him in the Garrison w<sup>th</sup>: One hundred horse, so all imaginable preparation is order'd to be made, and Mess<sup>rs</sup>:

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

[11<sup>th</sup>]

Marshall & Meverell (two of the Councill) attended with Ten Foils of Granadeers ordered to meet & receive him at M<sup>r</sup>: Ellis's Garden [and,] to conduct him into Towne.

THO : PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Pembroke frigate George Weoly [Comander] saild for Madapollam, on 12 whom M<sup>r</sup>: Peirson writer took his passage, hee [being] appointed for that place.  
M<sup>r</sup>: Joseph Hiller arrived overland from Metchlepatam, by whom rec<sup>d</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup>  
Generall Letter from the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill there dated the 26<sup>th</sup>: past &c<sup>a</sup>: papers.

About 12 this noon, the Nabob, the Kings Duan & Buxie was conducted into Town by Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall and Meverell, the streets being loin'd with soldiers from S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma Gate up to the Fort, and the works that way man'd with the Marrein Company handsomely clothed with red coats & caps, and the curtains of the inner Fort with our Train bands, all which made a very handsome appearance. The Govern<sup>r</sup>: attended with the Councill, the Mayor, the Comand<sup>r</sup>: of the Europe ships and some of the principal freemen, received him a little way out of the Gate of the Fort, and after embracing each other, the Gov<sup>r</sup>: presented him with a small ball of amber Greece cas'd w<sup>th</sup>: Gold and a Gold chain to it, and then conducted him into the Fort and carried him up to his Lodgeings, when after sitting some time the Nabob was pleas'd to pass very great complements upon us, commending the place as to what hee had hitherto seen of it and gave us all assurance of his friendship after which the Gov<sup>r</sup>: sett by him two Cases of rich cordiall waters and call'd for wine, bidding him wellcome by firing 21 peices Ordnance. Soon after the Gov<sup>r</sup>: drank to him the Mogulls health with 31 peices Ordnance and the principal Ministers of State (our friends) as also the Nabob, Duan & Buxies with 21 peices Ordnance each, all which healths the Nabob Pledg'd in the cordiall waters; so, soon after, the Dinner being ready, (w<sup>ch</sup>: was Dres'd and managed by a Persian Inhabitant) the Govern<sup>r</sup>: conducted the Nabob &c<sup>a</sup>: into the Consultation room which was very handsomely sett out in all respects, the Dinner consisting of about six hundred Dishes small and great, of which y<sup>e</sup>: Nabob, Duan & Buxie and all that came with him eat very heartily, and very much commended their entertainment. After Dinner, they were diverted with y<sup>e</sup>: Dancing wenches. The Nabob was presented with Cordiall waters, French Brandy and Embroider'd China Quilts, all which hee desired. The Duan upon his promising us a Perwanna had a Rubie ring. The Buxie had one likewise offer'd him, but refus'd [it,] who seem'd all day out of humour, occasion'd as were inform'd by some words that he pass'd this day between the Nabob, Duan [and] him before they came hither.

About 6 in the evening they return'd to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, the Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Councill & Gentlemen in Town with the Comanders of the Europe ships waiting on 'em without the [Gate] of the Fort, where they mounted their horses and were attended by Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall and Meverell to the place they receiv'd 'em, and as their going out of S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma's Gate were saluted with 31 peices ordnance.

Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall & Meverell returning acq<sup>ted</sup>: the Gov<sup>r</sup>: that the Nabob desired tomorrow morning to go aboard one of the Europe ships; and in order thereto, that six Mussoolas might be sent to Trivlecane, which was accordingly done, and the English ships boats order'd to attend him, and the Comanders of the ships were acquainted with it.

About 7 a Clock this morning Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Marshall & Meverell went to Trivle- 13<sup>th</sup>  
cane, in order to wait on the Nabob aboard the English ships, and the Comanders went off to receive him, and Narrain being sent to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma to acquaint y<sup>e</sup>:

[13<sup>th</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

Nabob that the Boats lay ready and that the English Gentlemen waited there to know his pleasure, but he having been very Drunk over night, was not in a condition to go and defer'd it till Tomorrow morning.

The Brakefast wee intended aboard ship for the Nabob, was sent to S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma, which hee accepted very kindly.

This day the Buxie sent to the Gov<sup>r</sup>: to desire leave to come into Town, to Dine with a Persian of his acquaintance, and afterwards that hee might see the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Garden, which was accordingly granted, where wee sent Narrain to wait on him and see whether hee was in a better humour than yesterday, and to Present him with the ring he refused, with a Gold snuff box, both to the Value of about seventy five Pagodas, both which hee accepted, declareing that hee had no resentments against the English, but should be ready to serve them upon all occasions, but he thought in the management of these affairs, the Duan had not done farely by him.

14 The friendship of this Buxie is not soe much desired for the Post he is now in, but that he is of a very great ffamily and has many relations near the King.

The Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Councill mett to peruse the following Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>: from Metchlepatam dat: y<sup>e</sup>: 26<sup>th</sup>: June last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers therewith received, from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat. 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant & To Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date, which latter was immediately Dispatch'd, it being to order the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: and Councill to cause Vinca[ta]pate Poligar (whom they protected) to dep[art] the Comp<sup>s</sup>: bounds, Abdull Labby Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Chellumbrum, having wrote complaining Letter to the Nabob & the Gov<sup>r</sup>: that he is his enemy.

• Wee had several Alarms from S<sup>t</sup>: Thoma that the Nabob was going aboard ship, but his mind alter'd, and then hee desired to see the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Garden, which wee us'd all means to divert him from, by reason in going to it, hee must have had a View of all the weakest part of the Town.

14 And this day he sent word to the Govern<sup>r</sup>: that he was inform'd from Abdull Labby Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Chellumbrum that our Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David protected the Kings Enemys and desired that wee would take care that the like be not done for the future; The Gov<sup>r</sup>: answerd, that he would immediately write away to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David about it, which was accordingly done.

Ship Sarum Richard Phrip Comander saild for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, touching there to take some Goods and then proceeds to the West Coast; on her M<sup>r</sup>: Robert Cranwell took his passage for the former place.

15 This morning the Nabob sent word to the Govern<sup>r</sup>: that he would make him a Vissit at the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Garden, whereupon Narrain was sent to endeavour to divert him from it, which if he could not do, that then to advise the time of his coming. So Narrain about 12 Noon sent to the Gov<sup>r</sup>: to acquaint that the Nabob was comeing with a great detachment of horse and foot with all his Elephants, and what he meant by it he could not imagine, so the Gov<sup>r</sup>: orderd imediately to beat up for y<sup>e</sup>: Train bands and the Marrein Company, and drew out a Detachment of one hundred men under the command of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Seaton to attend him and those Gentlemen of the Councill &c<sup>a</sup>: who went to the Garden to receive the Nabob. But Narrain seeing the Nabob coming in such a manner, told him 'twould create a jealousy in the Governour, and doubted whether hee would have such a recep-tion as he expected and desired him to halt some where till he sent the Gov<sup>r</sup>: word and receive his answer, upon which the Govern<sup>r</sup>: sent Narrain word hee was ready to receive the Nabob at y<sup>e</sup>: Garden, but before the answer came to him, the Nabob was got into a Portuguez chappell very Drunk and fell asleep, and so soon as waked (w<sup>ch</sup>: was about 4 a clock in the afternoon) hee order'd his camp to march towards the little Mount where he pitch'd his Tents, and sent to the Govern<sup>r</sup>: to excuse his not coming to y<sup>e</sup>: Garden and desired him to send a Dozen bottles of Cardiall waters, which were sent him.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

## ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY 16<sup>TH</sup>.*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup> :  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOM : WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEYERELL.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month May last, Paym<sup>ts</sup>:  
 particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>: acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
 May mo:  
 read.

|                             |     |     |     |     |     |                           |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|----|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 1154 : | —  |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 15 :                    | 29 |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 224 :                   | 6  |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 4 :                     | 22 |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 894 :                   | 31 |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Present | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ — :                     | 26 |
| Josiah Ketch                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 126 :                   | —  |
| Fort St : David             | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 100 :                   | 14 |
| Fortification & Repairs     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 60 :                    | 15 |

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 2080 : 35

Order'd that one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall to defray charges Garrison. Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
 paid y<sup>e</sup> :  
 Paym<sup>r</sup> : for  
 Charges  
 Garrison.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>r</sup> : cash Twelve thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on acco<sup>t</sup>: Silver sold. Pag<sup>s</sup> : 12000  
 paid into  
 Cash for  
 silver sold.  
 Pag<sup>s</sup> : 20000  
 order'd for  
 Fort St :  
 David.

Order'd that Twenty thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be added to the former sum formerly order'd for Fort St: David, and that the Warehousekeeper Lade the same on board the Bedford. Pag<sup>s</sup> : 20000  
 order'd for  
 Fort St :  
 David.

This morning our Spys writing us that the Nabob with his army continued encamp'd at the little Mount, made us unwilling to disband any of our forces, yet considering that our Factorys to the Northward may want money to carry on their Investments, It is order'd that the men belonging to y<sup>e</sup>: Dutchess be immediately sent on board, and the ship this day Dispatch'd : [No forces] to  
 be disbanded  
 [but the]  
 Dutchess  
 men, till the  
 Nabob has  
 march'd  
 away.

THO : PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOM<sup>S</sup> : MARSHALL.

THO : WRIGHT.

JOHN MEYERELL.

M : EMPSON.

We sent the Mullah to attend the Duan for our Perwannas, who made some 16<sup>TH</sup> scruples about wrecks and our out Towns, which wee endeavour'd to obviate.

Ship Dutchess Hugh Raymond Comander saild in the night for Metchlepatam & Vizagapatam, by whom sent Pacquets to each place; there going on her Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Francis Hastings, Richard Harrison ffactors, and Matthew Weld Writer for Metchlepatam, and William Morton writer for Vizagapatam.

This day the spys from the camp advises that the Nabob was march'd with 17 his army about a mile on the other side of Pollumalee.

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FRIDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THO: MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

The Comps :  
 accot : cash  
 for June,  
 read.  
 Sea Custom  
 accots: for  
 mo: May read.

The President read his Accot: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash for the month June last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 129283: 25.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson read his [sea] custom accot<sup>s</sup>: for the month May, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                          |     |     |       |     |    |
|------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|----|
| To Custom on Goods Imported and Exported | ... | Pa: | 1901: | 25: | 60 |
| To Custom on Grain                       | ... | "   | 57:   | 7:  | 30 |
| To Anchorage                             | ... | "   | 31:   | —:  | —  |
| To ffreight                              | ... | "   | 2:    | 18: | —  |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1992: 14: 90

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
 paid into  
 Cash on that  
 accot:  
 Mint accots:  
 for May &  
 June read.

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash One thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on accot: Sea Customs.

The President read his Mint Accot<sup>s</sup>: for the months May and June last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                              |     |     |     |     |      |    |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|
| May. To Custom on Gold coind | ... | ... | ... | Ps: | 202: | 15 |
| June. To Ditto.              | ... | ... | ... | "   | 105: | 8  |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 307: 23

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 16500  
 paid into  
 Cash in part  
 of Gold recd:  
 from  
 England.

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash sixteen thousand five hundred Pagodas in part of Gold coind recd:  $\text{P}$  Hampshire from England.

THO: PITT.  
 FRANCIS ELLIS.  
 THO: WRIGHT.  
 M: EMPSON.  
 THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

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Wee disbanded the Bedford & Phoenix's men and sent them off.

Disbanded the Portuguez and drew off [our] Company that lay at the Out Guards, many of 'em falling sick for want of conveniency of Lodgings there, and by reason of the great fatigue of about twenty days lying at their arms.

SATURDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 15000  
 paid into  
 Cash for  
 silver sold.  
 Contracted  
 for 600  
 Candys of  
 redwood.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeep<sup>r</sup>: pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash: Fifteen thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on Accot: silver sold.

There being great want of Redwood for the Kentlage of the Europe ships, It is agreed that wee contract with Mootemar for six hundred Candys at Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2 $\frac{1}{4}$   $\text{P}$  Candy, and that the Warehousekeeper advance the Money as Mootemar calls for it.

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The Warehousekeeper is order'd to Lade on board the Phoenix for Bengall, what Rupees can be gott ready out of the Mint against her departure.

[19<sup>th</sup>]

What Rupees can be got ready to be Laden on the Phoenix for Bengall.

Ponnagettee Narso &c<sup>a</sup>: Tobacco & Beetle [ffarmers] pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash One thousand Pagodas, on that acco<sup>t</sup>:

Pags: 1000 paid into Cash for the Tobacco & Beetle farm.

THO: PITT.  
FFRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Overland for Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David in order to go  $\Psi$  ship Saram now there, our Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letters to York Fort and [P]ryamong dated the 24<sup>th</sup>: past month &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
21<sup>st</sup>:

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Order'd that six hundred Pagodas be advanc'd to Yemanah &c<sup>a</sup>: Painters for Painting of Four hundred Peices of Fine Moorees deliverd them and that Five hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: be Paid Paulo &c<sup>a</sup>: Washers for cureing the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys cloth.

Pags: 600 advanc'd to ye: Painters & Pags: 500 to ye: Washers.

Mr: John Meverell Land Customer read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month June last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Land Custom accots: for June read &

|                   |     |     |     |     |     |             |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: | 259: 17: 52 |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 145: 32: 45 |
| Town rents        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 47: 32: 70  |
| Registring Slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 3: 12: —    |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 456: 23: 7

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Four hundred forty nine Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Land customs.

[Paid] into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Co: cash 449 Pag<sup>s</sup>: on that accot:

Thomas Bull Souldier produceing John Rawlinson to serve his covenanted time, It is order'd that the former be Discharged [and] that John Russell be Entertain'd in y<sup>e</sup>: Gunroom.

[... Exch] ange of a Soldier & [... Endd: in] ye: Gunroom.

Francis Purcell Writer making his request to lay down the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Service as  $\Psi$  his Petition enterd after this Consult<sup>n</sup>: It is consider'd if wee keep him against his inclination, he'll be of little use and that wee have sufficient to carry on the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Business, It is therefore agreed that hee be Discharg'd.

Francis Purcell writer discharg'd at his request.

The President with some of y<sup>e</sup>: Councill having design'd for several months past to go to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David to inspect matters there but hitherto prevented by some Business or other that has intervein'd, 'Tis resolved that 'all things being provided for his Voyage and that the Bedford must lye here some time for the coining of Rupees for Bengall[and] that hee Embarks on said ship Tomorrow Morning,

The President intend- ing for Fort St: David tomorrow makes over ye: Comps: Cash to Mr: Ellis.

[21<sup>st</sup>]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701—

The Comis-  
sion officers  
to respect  
Mr: Ellis as  
Cheif till the  
Presidents  
return.

Ship Phoenix  
let to freight  
[for Persia]  
or Surat.

Letter to  
Bengall,  
read.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 15000  
order'd for  
Fort St:  
David by ye:  
Bedford.

and in order there unto, hee read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash to this day, the Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 41562: 25, which is deliver'd now in Councill<sup>t</sup> to Mr: Francis Ellis, who is to act as Cheif till the return of the President, and the Comission officers were sent for and order'd to respect him accordingly, and Mr: Vicessimus [Griffith] was sent for and charge given him of [ . . . ] Sea Customs in the absence of Mr: Empson and Mr: John Penford in the absence of [John] Meverell of the Land Customs.

Wee having at length Lett to ffreight ship Phoenix on a Voyage to Persia or on the Terms of the Contract Enter'd after this Consultation, Mr: John Affleck & Coja Paulo were sent for and sign'd it, who promises her Dispatch for Bengall on Wednesday next.

Generall Letter to Bengall of this date, read, approv'd and sign'd.

Since makeing over the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash to Mr: Ellis, Tis agreed that, Fifteen thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be added to what formerly order'd for Fort St: David, and that the same be Laden on board ship Bedford.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>:

PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C<sup>t</sup>: COUNCILL.

The Hum<sup>ble</sup>: Petition of Francis Purcell humbly Sheweth.

Whereas your Humble Petitioner was Entertain'd in the Service of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: English East India Company, in the station of a Writer for the term of five years, do hereby humbly request of your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: that you will be pleased to Excuse me from the said service, my inclinations leading me more to Sea Affairs than that of a Merchant, So hope Your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: will take it into your serious consideration and grant my request, which will be the means to make me, to be more serviceable to the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: in that station than in any other, and shall ever be ready to obey all commands yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: shall lay upon me and

As in Duty bound, shall ever  
pray for your Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:

Terms of  
agreement  
for ye:  
Freightment  
of ship  
Phoenix to  
Persia or  
Surat.

Contract and Agreement by and between the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: the President & Council of Fort St: George for acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: English East India Company, and Mr: John Affleck and Cojah Paulo for hireing and Freightment of ship Phoenix Burthen Four hundred Tons or thereabouts Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Lambert Comander now riding in the road of Madrass.

It is agreed that the ship shall proceed hence to Bengall with such Treasure & Goods as the President and Councill shall Lade for Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>r</sup>: and what the aforesaid ffreighters shall Lade on their accounts.

That from Bengall, the Freighters have Power to send the ship to Surat [or Persia] with such Loading as they think fitt, oblige themselves that the said ship shall sail from Bengall some time in January next and in case they shall send her to Surat that She is not to be detain'd longer on that Coast than the last of April, and if she proceed to Persia, the Freighters are not to detain her longer there than Thirty days after her arrival in which time they have Power to Lade what Goods and Treasure they please for the Port of Madrass, for that the Ship is to come directly from the Port in Persia or Surat to this Place.

That the ffreighters are to have the use of the great cabin dureing this Voyage and all such privileges mention'd in Charterparty as if she was actually in the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C: Employ.

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[21<sup>st</sup>]

• That if the ship proceeds to Persia, the Companys Agent there may put on board her for this place Viz<sup>t</sup>: Four horses, Thirty Chests of wine and Rose water and Four Candy of all sorts of fruit freight free for the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C<sup>s</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup>: and no other, provide[d] it tends not to the detaining of the ship longer than the time before mention'd, and that 'tis not to the Prejudice of the Freighters.

That the ship goes up the River in Bengall, whereunto the Captain has consented without which they refuse to freight the ship, and 'tis agreed that the Pilotage be at the charge of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Company.

That for the Freightment of the afores<sup>d</sup>: ship, M<sup>r</sup>: John Affleck and Coja Paulo do oblige themselves, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns, to pay into the President & Council of this place or their successors the sum of Eight thousand Pagodas Madrass within Thirty Days after the arrival of the aforesaid ship in this Port, from either o. her intended Voyages Persia or Surat.

And whereas there has been disputes about Passengers between the Freighters and Com<sup>d</sup>ander of the said ship, Wee the President & Council being unacquainted what has been the custom in such cases, there having been no ships of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp: lett to Freight from this port on those Voyages, and whereas severall has went of late years from Bengall, it is mutually agreed between the President & Council and the freighters that this matter be referred to the Decision of the President & Council in Bengall to do therein according to Custom, as also in all other matters relating to these Voyages anything contain'd in this paper to the contrary notwithstanding [in] witness whereof wee the President & Council for Acco<sup>t</sup>: and in behalf of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: English East India Comp<sup>a</sup>: do hereby oblige ourselves on the one part, and John Affleck & Cojah Pa[u]lo for themselves on the other part, having hereunto interchangeably sett our hands & seals at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George in the City of Madrass this nineteenth day of July 1701.

JOHN AFFLECK.  
COJAH PAULO.

MEMORAND<sup>m</sup>:

That if y<sup>e</sup>: Freighters don't comply in Dispatching the ship from Port to Port as beforemention'd in this contract, that then the Captain of said ship shall give the freighters or the Merch<sup>ts</sup>: appointed by 'em a Protest and Twenty four hours after which he sha'l be at his liberty to sail.

JN<sup>o</sup>: AFFLECK.  
[COJA PAULO].

This morning the President, Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Empson and Meverell and Charles 22<sup>a</sup>  
Bugden Secretary with severall others Embark'd on the Bedford bound for Fort  
S<sup>t</sup>: David, which saild about eleven a clock. Ketch Sallaus arrived from Poli-  
cherry.

Received severall Letters from our Vacqueel at the Mogulls Court. 23.

Ship Phoenix Cap<sup>t</sup>: Thomas Lambert Com<sup>r</sup>: saild in the night for Bengall, 24.  
by whom sent Generall Letter to the President & Council there dated the 21<sup>st</sup>:  
& 23<sup>d</sup>: Instant with sev<sup>l</sup>: other papers as  $\mathcal{P}$  List of the Pacquet.

• About eleven a clock at night came our Mullah from Doud Cawn's camp,  
bringing with him the Duans Perwannas for our affairs to go on according to  
Salabad.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated 24<sup>th</sup>: Instant adviseing 27  
of two bills Exchange for Fourteen hundred Pagodas payable to Sunca Rama  
of one tenor & Date.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date & c<sup>a</sup>: papers as  $\mathcal{P}$   
List of y<sup>e</sup>: Pacquett.

Ketch Sallaus saild for Policherry. 28.

Received Generall Letter from President Pitt and his Council at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: 31  
David dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

## -----FORT ST. GEORGE, JULY 1701-----

THURSDAY  
31<sup>st</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ<sup>r</sup> : CHEIFE  
THOMAS WRIGHT THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.Pag<sup>s</sup> : 14000  
paid into  
Cash by the  
Warehouse-  
keeper.  
Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
order'd to be  
pd : the Pay-  
master &  
1400 Pag<sup>s</sup> :  
for Fort St :  
David bill.  
The Store-  
keepers  
Acco<sup>ts</sup> : for  
mos : of April  
May, & June,  
read.M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
cash Fourteen thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup> : Silver & Goods [sold P].Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Marshall Pay-  
master for defraying charges Garrison, and Fourteen hundred Pagodas be paid  
Sunca Rama being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup> : &  
Councill of Fort St : David dated 24<sup>th</sup> : Instant.M<sup>r</sup> : Francis Bett Provisionall Storekeeper read his Acco<sup>ts</sup> : for the months  
of April, May and June, which were approv'd.FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.AUGUST  
MONDAY  
4<sup>th</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ<sup>r</sup> : CHEIFE  
THOMAS WRIGHT THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.Pag<sup>s</sup> : 12000  
pd : into Cash  
by ye : Ware-  
housekeeper.  
Portuguez  
entd : a  
soldier.  
Pag<sup>s</sup> : 1000  
order'd to be  
paid the  
Paymr :  
The acco<sup>t</sup> :  
of ye :  
Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
Cash for 10  
days in July,  
read, and ye :  
Stewards  
acco<sup>ts</sup> : for  
one monthM<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
cash Twelve thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup> : silver and Goods sold.Order'd that Emanuel de Silva Portuguez be Entertained a soldier in this  
Garrison.Order'd that One thousand Pag<sup>s</sup> : be paid M<sup>r</sup> : Thomas Marshall Paymaster  
for defraying charges Garrison.The Cheif read his account of the R<sup>t</sup> : H : C : Cash from the 21<sup>st</sup> : July to  
the last of d<sup>o</sup> : month Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup> : 33162 : 25 : and the Steward read his  
acco<sup>t</sup> : for the month June last.FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.

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Ship Madapollam Matthew Carvallo Master saild for Acheen.

Received P<sup>p</sup> Pattamars Overland Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated  
25<sup>th</sup> : July last, w<sup>th</sup> : copy of their Contract dated 23<sup>d</sup> : d<sup>o</sup> : for 43315 Pag<sup>s</sup> :  
deliverable the 1<sup>mo</sup> : January next.

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Ship Allee Bux Ramachundra Noquedah saild for Junczeilon.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : President & his Councill at Fort St :  
David of this date, with copys of Metchlepatam Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter & Contract  
received thence yesterday.

7

Sloop from Policherry arrived this day.

9

Sloop Expedition Thomas Hounson Master belonging to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
arrived from the West Coast, by whom rec<sup>d</sup> : a Pacquet from the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> :  
& C<sup>a</sup> : Councill at York Fort, containing their Gen<sup>l</sup> : Letter dat : 28<sup>th</sup> : June last  
& C<sup>a</sup> : pap<sup>rs</sup> : inclosed.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701—

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
9TH

Present

FRANCIS ELLIS ESQ<sup>R</sup>: CHIEF  
THOMAS WRIGHT THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL.

Antonio Farnando an Inhabitant here and a sea fareing man, did last year at Quedda Lade four Elephants on board a Dane ship called the Daneburgh, two whereof died in the Voyage, the other two deliver'd ashore here and Valued by M<sup>r</sup>: Empson Sea Custome[r] Twenty two days afterwards when sick at six hundred Pagodas, and in eight days more One Died, which occasion'd the said Ant<sup>o</sup>: Farnando complaint to us of hard measures to Pay custom for the same, the which wee took into consideration and thought it but reasonable to remitt the Fifteen Pagodas rather than Press too hard upon the poor sufferer.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 15:  
remitted for  
the Custom of  
an Elephant,  
wch: died  
soon after  
Valuation.

Generall Letters from York Fort dated 28<sup>th</sup>: June last, and from the Chief &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of [P]ryamong dated 19<sup>th</sup>: ditto, read; with severall papers inclosed as  $\Psi$  List of the Pacquets.

Letters from  
ye: w<sup>t</sup>:  
Coast read.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unload Sloop Expedition with all y<sup>e</sup>: speed he can.

Sloop Expedi-  
tion to be  
unladen.

M: EMPSON. FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL.

Received Generall Letter from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated 31<sup>st</sup>: July last  $\Psi$  Pattamars. 11<sup>TH</sup>

Received Generall Letter from the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: President & his Councill at Fort 12  
S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 9<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

About 11 a clock this morning ship Bedford arrived from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David and in the Evening the President & Councill and others who went with him came ashore.

Received Generall Letter from Surat dated 29<sup>th</sup>: January last only recommend-  
ing to us the Vacqueel of Callender a principal Armenian resident there.

ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNESDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATT: EMPSON THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Ellis read his acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash from the  $\Psi$  mo: to this day, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 49162: 25: which was deliver'd the Presi-  
dent.

Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash  
from ye:  
 $\Psi$ mo: 13<sup>th</sup>:  
read & Ball:  
deliver'd ye  
President.  
What brought  
from Fort  
S<sup>t</sup>: David to  
be unladen.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
in fanams  
carried [to]  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>: Da-  
vid, return'd  
& now paid into  
ye: Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
Cash.  
An impudent  
Lete r from  
Amerjohn at  
ye: Kings  
Court read.

The warehousekeeper is order'd to unload what Bales Calicoes &c<sup>a</sup>: sent from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David  $\Psi$  ship Bedford.

The One thousand Pagodas in fanams carried to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David  $\Psi$  ship  
Bedford, being of Less Value there than here, were return'd again, and the  
President now Pays the same into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash.

A very saucy impudent Letter to the President from Amerjohn at the Kings  
Court received the 7<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read, being the person who negotiated the Hon<sup>ble</sup>:  
Comp<sup>s</sup>: affairs with Nabob Zalphaker Cawn relating to the troubles given us by  
Celiam Cawn at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David.

[13<sup>th</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701—

The Ware-  
house Acco<sup>ts</sup>:  
for mos: May  
and June,  
read, and  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 5000  
paid into  
Cash for sil-  
ver & co<sup>a</sup>: sold.

The Secretary  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: Pass-  
es for July  
mo: read &  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2: 24  
paid into Cash  
by him on  
that Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Sea Custom  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
June read &

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Warehouse Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the months of May and June last, and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Five thousand Pagodas for silver and Goods sold.

Charles Bugden Secretary read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: Fees for Passes for the month July last, amount to Four Pag<sup>s</sup>: and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2: 24 their part.

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Cnstmeter read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month June last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                        |        |                                |
|----------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported | ...    | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 2145: 5: 33 |
| To Custom on Grain                     | ... .. | 282: 10: 80                    |
| To Anchorage                           | ... .. | 36: 18: —                      |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2463: 34: 13

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Fifteen hundred Pagodas on that Account.

The President & Councils Diary [&] Consultations of their Negotiations at Fort St: David, being now read, was unanimously approved of by this Board.

Order'd that Four thousand six hundred & fifteen Pagodas, 15<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>ca</sup>: be paid, being for the following Bills of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Governour &<sup>ca</sup>: Councill of York Fort all dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: June last, as advised in their Generall Letter of ditto Date Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                                           | Doll. | Sov. | Sa. | Pag. | Fa. | Ca. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Jn <sup>r</sup> : Meyerell & Fra: |       |      |     |      |     |     |
| Bett for ... ..                                           | 1000  | —    | —   | 588  | 8   | 3   |
| To the Hon <sup>ble</sup> : President ... ..              | 1974  | 1    | —   | 1161 | 11  | 3   |
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Meyerell & Bett ... ..            | 1130  | —    | —   | 664  | 25  | 3   |
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Chardin & Affieck ... ..          | 593   | 3    | —   | 349  | 9   | 3   |
| To M <sup>r</sup> : Edw <sup>d</sup> : Barkham ... ..     | 891   | 2    | 1   | 524  | 17  | 4   |
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Wheeler & Cockroft ... ..         | 193   | —    | —   | 113  | 19  | —   |
| To M <sup>r</sup> : Stephen Frewen ... ..                 | 165   | 3    | —   | 97   | 18  | —   |
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Bett & Frewen ... ..              | 67    | —    | —   | 39   | 20  | —   |
| To Mess <sup>rs</sup> : Meyerell & Bett ... ..            | 109   | 1    | —   | 64   | 9   | 3   |
| To M <sup>r</sup> : Henry Dobyns ... ..                   | 100   | —    | —   | 58   | 29  | 4   |
| To M <sup>r</sup> : Thomas Wright ... ..                  | 554   | —    | —   | 325  | 31  | 5   |
| To Jn <sup>o</sup> : Styleman & Tho: Wright ... ..        | 914   | 1    | 1   | 537  | 31  | 1   |
| To Cap <sup>t</sup> : George Heron ... ..                 | 153   | —    | —   | 90   | —   | —   |
| Doll. ... ..                                              | 7846  | 1    | —   | 4615 | 15  | 5   |

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month June last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                          |          |              |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Charges Garrison         | ...      | Pa: 1348: 18 |
| Charges Cattle           | ...      | 16: 3        |
| Charges Diet             | ...      | 281: 31      |
| Charges Extraordinary    | ...      | 23: 19       |
| Charges Generall         | ...      | 359: 7       |
| West Coast               | ...      | 533: 21      |
| Bengall Agency           | ...      | 9: 13        |
| Fortifications & Repairs | ...      | 15: 17       |
| Pag <sup>s</sup> :       | 2587: 21 |              |

Paym<sup>ts</sup>:  
acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
June mo:  
read.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701—

[ 13<sup>TH</sup> ]

Order'd that Twenty five Pagodas be paid Wotta Lingua being for three months Town Conicoplys Duty ending Ultimo July last.

25<sup>pd</sup>: ye:  
Town  
Conicoply.

Generall Letter from the President & Coun<sup>l</sup>: of Surat dated 29<sup>th</sup>: Jan<sup>ry</sup>: last read.

Letter from  
Surat, read.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Govern<sup>r</sup>: & Councill signd the following order Viz<sup>t</sup>:

The Warehousekeeper is orderd to Lade on board the Bedford for Bengall what Rupees are already Coin'd and may be Chested against her Dispatch.

FRIDAY  
15<sup>TH</sup>

THO: PITT.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
MATT: EMPSON.  
THO: MARSHALL.  
JOHN: MEVERELL.

The President and Councill mett to peruse a Letter to the Chief and Councill of Metchlepatam dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant, which was this Day Dispatchd Overland.

Arrived Overland from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David by [order] of the President & c<sup>a</sup>: when there, the two horses given lately by Nabob Doud Cawn.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant & c<sup>a</sup>: 17 papers inclosed.

## ATT A CONSULTATION.

WEDNES-  
DAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATT: EMPSON THOM: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys cash Thirteen thousand Pagodas on acco<sup>t</sup>: silver sold.

Page: 13000  
paid into  
Cash by the  
Warehouse-  
keeper.  
Land Custom  
Acco<sup>t</sup>s: for  
mo: July  
read.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell Land Customer read his accounts for the month July last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                    |     |     |     |     |      |     |    |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Choultry Custom    | ... | ... | ... | Pa: | 154: | 11: | 40 |
| Rubie Brokers      | ... | ... | ... | "   | 61:  | 6:  | 23 |
| Grass Cutters      | ... | ... | ... | "   | 1:   | 15: | 40 |
| Registering Slaves | ... | ... | ... | "   | 1:   | 4:  | —  |

Page<sup>s</sup>: 218: 1: 23

And pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Two hundred & Twelve Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Land Customs.

Page<sup>s</sup>: 212  
paid into  
Cash on  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: Land  
Custom.  
Letter to  
Bengall  
read.

Generall Letter to Bengall of Yesterdays Date, read and approv'd.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ps: 1000  
order'd the  
Paymr:

[20<sup>TH</sup>]

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701 —

An European  
ent'd : a  
soldier.  
Necessary  
Stores]  
be provided  
for sloop  
Expedition.  
[. . . ]  
Garbell  
Pepper [P  
sloop]  
Expedition  
from W<sup>t</sup> :  
Coast  
[Letter] from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup> :  
David read.  
[Pages:2] paid  
into Cash for  
four [plans]  
Cap<sup>t</sup> :  
Hudson  
read : at Fort  
S<sup>t</sup> : David.  
Rupees 120  
o be given  
ship  
edfords  
men & why.

Order'd that Jacob Henderson be Entert<sup>d</sup> : a soldier in this Garrison.

The Storekeeper is order'd to provide Store and Necessarys for sloop Expedition according to a List now produced by the Master.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to Dry the Pepper from the West Coast P sloop Expedition damaged by bringing ashore and at the bottom of the Vessel, and to Garbell the whole, in order to send P ship Dutchess for England.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated 13<sup>th</sup> : Instant, read.

Cap<sup>t</sup> : John Hudson pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Companys Cash Two Pagodas for four Plans hee received of the Storekeeper at Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper give One hundred and twenty Rupees to the Bedford ships Company, in consideration of the President and some of the Councills going on her to Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David, being no other than what is customary.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

21 Ship Bedford Cap<sup>t</sup> : John Hudson Comand<sup>r</sup> : saild for Bengall, by whom sent Generall Letter to the President & Councill there of the 19<sup>th</sup> : Instant &c<sup>a</sup> : papers as P List [in] the Pacquet.

28 Received overland Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 12<sup>th</sup> : Instant incloseing one from Madapollam of the 9<sup>th</sup> : Ditto &c<sup>a</sup> : papers.

25 By a Country boat Dispatch'd Duplicate of our Generall Letter to the Cheif & Councill of Metchlepatam dated the 13<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 22<sup>d</sup> : Instant.

MONDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup>.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOM : MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>r</sup> : EMPSON : indispos'd

Pags : 750  
paid into  
cash for  
(torn) &  
turn'd out  
cloth belong-  
ing to the  
J[oint]  
Stock  
Merchants.

Mr : Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Accounts for the month July last, and pays into the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Cash Seven hundred & fifty Pagodas being for Torn and turn'd out cloth and at Outcry of the old Contract for which the Joint Stock Merchants are order'd to have credit.

Letters  
received  
read.

Generall Letters from Madapollam dated the 9<sup>th</sup> : from Metchlepatam dated the 12<sup>th</sup> : and from Fort S<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 22<sup>d</sup> : Instants &c<sup>a</sup> : papers in each Pacquet, all read.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701—

[25<sup>TH</sup>]

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1033: 23: 3: be paid the President, being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif & Council of Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant, and Pag<sup>s</sup>: Three hundred & fifty to M<sup>r</sup>: Edmund Bugden, being for one other bill dated the 9<sup>th</sup>: Instant, drawn by Dittos. Also Pag<sup>s</sup>: 118: 10: 3: to M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Council of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

[Bills of Exchange order'd [to] be paid.]

Gruaph &c<sup>a</sup>: Arrac ffarmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Seven hundred sixty six Pag<sup>s</sup>: and twenty four fanams on that Acco<sup>t</sup>: and M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays six thousand Pagodas by a Bill given by Sunca Rama to Merchants at Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, which was accordingly paid into the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash there.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 766: 24: paid into Cash on Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the Arrac farm [&] Pag<sup>s</sup>: 6000 by the Warehousekeeper. Four persons discharg'd from ye service of sloop Expedition. Five Candy of Copper be paid into Cash for the W<sup>t</sup>: Coast.

Order'd that John Thomas, Derick Rowlason, Joan de Soza and Elias Rodrigues be Discharg'd from the service of sloop Expedition at their request, and the Paym<sup>r</sup>: to pay them what wages due to this Day and that Derick Rowlason be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Order'd that the Paymaster Buy five Candy of Copper and put the same into Mint to be coin'd into cash for the W<sup>t</sup>: Coast.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Overland Generall Letter to S<sup>r</sup>: Gayer [. . .] Generall of India &c<sup>a</sup>: Council Surat [. . .] ed the 23<sup>d</sup>: Instant with severall papers as <sup>p</sup> List of the Pacquet, incloseing Generall Letter to the Agent &c<sup>a</sup>: Council at Persia of d<sup>o</sup>: Date.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of yesterdays Date, incloseing the President & Councils Licence to Padre Paulo de Saa for the Exerciseing his Priestly ffunction at their churches within our bounds.

WEDNES-  
DAY [27<sup>TH</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>r</sup>: EMPSON. *indispos'd*.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster, for Defraying charges Garrison.

Order'd that Five thousand Pagodas be sent to Metchlepatam by Five Peons on a country Boat, Paria Narrain Tandell and Owner.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000 order'd ye Paym<sup>r</sup>: Pag<sup>s</sup>: 5000 to be sent by a boat [to] Metchlepatam. [Letters] sent, read.

Generall Letters to Metchlepatam and Madapollam both of this date, read, approved & sign'd.

Resolved that the Mintmaster Employs of the silver remaining, deliver'd for Rupees, about Five thousand Dollar weight, to be coin'd into ffanams for the West Coast.

[About] 5000 Dollar weight [to] be coin'd into fan<sup>s</sup>: [for the] W<sup>t</sup>: Coast. 100 bales of brown Lo: Cloth [to be ma] de up.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Packs up One hundred bales of Brown Long Cloth as it's brought in for that purpose.

[27<sup>th</sup>]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, AUGUST 1701—

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 5000  
paid into  
cash for  
Silver & co<sup>s</sup>:  
sold.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys  
Cash Five thousand Pagodas on account silver Goods sold.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

29

By a Country boat bound for Metchlepatam sent Generall Letter to the Chief  
& Councill there dated 27<sup>th</sup>: Instant, incloseing a Letter for Madapollam of ditto  
Date, with Five thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: in charge of Five Peons.

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Ship Salamut Coja Essad Noqueda saild for Pegu.

SEPTEMBER  
MONDAY  
3<sup>mo</sup>  
[1<sup>st</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THO: MARSHALL  
THOMAS WRIGHT JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>r</sup>: EMPSON. *indispo'd*

Paymasters  
acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
July, read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: Disbursements for the  
month July last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                             |     |     |     |     |                                |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> 1588 : 19 : — |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 751 : 25 : —                 |
| Bengall Presidency          | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 10 : — : —                   |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 406 : — : —                  |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 29 : 34 : —                  |
| Fort st: David              | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 120 : 25 : —                 |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 311 : 23 : —                 |
| Madapollam                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 1 : 27 : —                   |
| Metchlepatam                | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 108 : 10 : 40                |
| Factors Provisions          | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 8 : — : —                    |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Present | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 17 : 8 : 40                  |
| West Coast                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 6 : 26 : —                   |
| Charges Merchandize         | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ — : 18 : —                   |
| Fortifications & Repairs    | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 34 : 5 : —                   |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3395 : 5 : —

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
orderd ye:  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster  
for Defraying Charges Garrison.

Topass  
Soldiers  
Entertain'd  
[Pereira]  
discharg'd.  
Stewards  
Acco<sup>t</sup>s: for  
July, read.

Order'd that Emanuel Rhebary Pereira European, Bastion Leall, Manuell  
Caldara, Joan Concenson Topasses be Entertaind soldiers in this Garrison, and  
Joan Pereira bee Discharg'd therefrom at his request.

Henry Davenport read his stewards Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month July last.

Pereira  
entertain'd in  
ye: Gun-  
room.

Order'd that Gonsalva Pereira be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Coffree to be  
bought  
for W<sup>t</sup>:  
Coast.

There being a lusty Coffree to be sold at Publick Outcry, the Paymaster is  
order'd to Buy him for the service of the West Coast.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTEMBER 1701—

[1<sup>st</sup>]

• Mocdum Nina Merchant at Cuddalore having a ship from Quedda with three Elephants fallen in with Policat, and not be able to gett up to him, hee Landed his Elephants and brought two hither and his ffactors sold 'em, on which there is due to the Company for Land Custom Pag<sup>s</sup>: 27: 18: but in consideration of the frequent services he has done the Company, and more particularly of late in the Business of Doud Cawn, when he lay near Fort St: Davids, at which time hee himself was at great Expence, for which reason wee unanimously remitt him the Land Custom of his Elephants and order'd that the Land Customer acts accordingly.

The Land Custom on two Elepts: belonging to Mocdum Nina to be remitted for his good services to Company.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS: ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

By ffrench Cossids, received Generall Letter from Bengall dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>d</sup> April last, inclosing copy of another the 7<sup>th</sup>: ditto, being [what] have been before received.

Ship Bone Viago Mahomud Noqueda saild for Pegu.

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## ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
6<sup>th</sup>

## Present

THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to Embale Two thousand Peices salampores Midling brown for Europe.

2000 p<sup>s</sup>:  
Salampores  
midling  
brown to be  
embaled.  
Coffree to be  
bought  
for the Wt:  
Coast.  
[18 Chests]  
Duckatoons  
sold at [rate]  
of 16½ Doll<sup>s</sup>:  
p 10 Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
Expedition  
to be  
Dis: atch'd  
[to]  
Wt: Coast  
& liberty to  
[ . . . ]  
Goods.

There offering another lusty Coffree to sale for Twenty five Pagodas, the Paymaster is order'd to Buy him for the service of the West Coast.

Vincatty Chittee offering at the rate of 16½ weighty Dollars p Ten Pagodas for Thirteen chests Duckatoons, the Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver him the same.

Resolved that sloop Expedition be Dispatchd by the 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant for the West Coast and Notes accordingly affixt to give Notice, that what ffreight Goods offers may be received on board.

Order'd that Thomas Williams Boatswain of sloop Expedition be Discharg'd at his request, and that three months Impress be advanc'd to the Master and men belonging to said sloop and what wages due be paid off.

Boatswain of  
sloop  
Expedition  
be discharg'd  
and  
[3 months]  
Impress to be  
paid ther.  
Cloth &  
salampores  
to be sent  
to the Wt:  
Coast.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Lade on board sloop Expedition for the West Coast, 16 bales Long Cloth N<sup>o</sup>: 5 and four bales salampores N<sup>o</sup>: 4.

The Mary Sloop (being a large Long Boat built upon with six brass Rantackers [sic]) offering to be sold for Pag<sup>s</sup>: 262: 20: 3: and they advise from the West Coast their want of such a Vessell, It is resolved that she be bought and sent in company with the Expedition sloop, and that notice be given for liberty of

A small sloop  
to be bought  
for the Wt:  
Coast, & sent  
over.

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freighting on her. That James ffinch Sherwin Entertain'd Master be allowed Pay from the 1<sup>st</sup> Instant, he having had charge of her since that time; Thomas Stevens be Entertain'd Mate, with Six Lascars and one Tandell, and that three months Impress be advanc'd to them as usuall.

Stores to be provided for ye: Wt: Coast according to a List produced.

Order'd that the severall stores be provided for the West Coast according to a List now drawn out, and sent 1<sup>st</sup> sloop Expedition and Mary, and what cannot be got ready to be sent 1<sup>st</sup> Advice frigate.

The following is order'd to be affixed at the severall Gates translated in the Portuguez Language Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Publick declaration of encouragement for such portuguez who are willing to proceed soldiers to ye: Wt: Coast.

Sloops Expedition and Mary Thomas Hounson and James ffinch Sherwin masters, being the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant bound for York Fort on the Coast of Sumatra [ . . . ] declared by Gov<sup>r</sup>: & Councill, that what Portuguez who are willing to proceed [ . . . ] souldiers thither, shall have all manner of accommodation for Transportation of themselves and ffamilies, and for Encouragement of such; that there bee allowed Two Pagodas 1<sup>st</sup> mensem upon their arrival.

European Discharg'd the Gun-rooms at his request.

Order'd that Thomas Stevens be Discharg'd the Gunroom at his request.

Necessaries to be provided for the Hospitall. Estate of Rich<sup>d</sup>: Darley deceas'd: be remitted to England.

The Paymaster is order'd to provide severall necessarys for the use of the Hospitall as 1<sup>st</sup> List now deliver'd in, being absolutely wanted.

Order'd that the Court of Admiralty pay into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash, the Estate of M<sup>r</sup>: Richard Darley deceas'd, that it may be remitted home to his relations in England.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

6

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant.

Received Generall Letter from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated 22<sup>d</sup>: past, advising of Twenty five Oxen Load of fine Goods belonging to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company being seiz'd by a Polligar and carried into his own Country and about the like quantity of the new Company's Goods, both amounting to near [20,000].

MONDAY  
8<sup>TH</sup>

ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters received read.  
The Accot: of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash for August, read. Storekeepers Accot: for July mo: read & Pag<sup>s</sup>: 400 paid into Cash for stores sold.

Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 3<sup>d</sup>. Instant, and from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated 22<sup>d</sup>: August last, both read.

The President read his Accot<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon: Companys Cash for the month of August last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: [63, 253].

M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Bett Storekeeper read his Accot<sup>s</sup>: for the month July last, and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Four hundred Pagodas for stores sold.

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• Mr: Francis Bett Rentall General pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash  
Five hundred Pagodas on Accot: Quit Rents.

Pags: 500  
paid into  
Cash on  
Accot: Quit  
rents.  
Soldiers  
entertain'd.

Order'd that Paul Pereira Topaz and Peter Hooluff be Entertain'd soldiers in  
this Garrison.

Whereas by our last Consultation 'twas resolved that the Mary sloop be  
bought for the use of the West Coast, 'tis now order'd the storekeeper provides  
what stores necessary to Equip her out.

Stores for  
sloop Mary  
to be provid-  
ed.

Order'd that William Price and David Lee be Discharg'd the Gunroom, they  
being Entertain'd on board sloop Expedition for the West Coast.

Two persons  
discharg'd  
the Gun-  
room.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship S<sup>th</sup>: Mareia belonging to Coja Phanoose saild for Pegu.  
Ship Bone Russon Simon Rodrigues Pilot saild for Pegu.  
Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOM<sup>s</sup>: WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Agreed that John Salmon, Tho: Elliot and Henry Watson soldiers, proceed  
upon sloop Expedition for the West Coast, and that three months Pay be  
advanc'd to them.

Three sol-  
diers for  
ye: Wt:  
Coast.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster  
for defraying charges Garrison.

Pags: 1000  
order'd ye:  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
Wm: Lewis  
soldier for  
his killing  
another to  
be sent to  
England.

William Lewis a soldier in this Garrison who came out upon the Anna, in  
which ship he headed a Mutiny, which had like to have proved fatall, kill'd  
Thomas [ . . . ] a serjant in this Garrison on the 3<sup>d</sup>: [ . . . ] 1700;  
whereupon hee was committed [to] Prison and has often since Petition'd for his  
Tryall, or that wee would send him to England or the West-Coast. But wee  
considering that hee is a factious, Turbulent fellow, and may (if he be acquitted  
on his Tryall) occasion some trouble by seduceing men to run away or otherwise,  
wee have resolved that he be sent for England by the Dutchess, and with him  
the Judge Advocates Examinations of wittnesses against him.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Bombay Merchant John Tyler Com<sup>r</sup>: arrived from Bombay, by which 15  
came Mr: Daniel du Bois Passenger, and the following Generall Letters received  
Viz<sup>t</sup>:

From Surat ... .. dated 18<sup>th</sup>: April }  
From Ditto ... .. „ 10<sup>th</sup>: May } 1701.  
From Bombay ... .. „ 15<sup>th</sup>: Aug<sup>t</sup>. }

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and the severall papers mention'd, only Invoice for a bale salloes and Gartin seeds.

Received Overland Generall Letter from the Cheif and Council at Metchlepatam dated the 5<sup>th</sup>: Instant, incloseing Copy of another sent to Madrass Pinnace dated 29<sup>th</sup>: past m<sup>o</sup>: The former advises that the Goods belonging to our and the new Company (noted in this Diary of the 6<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>:) seiz'd by the Polligar, were releas'd upon the cost of about Two hundred Rupees given by the Merchants.

TUESDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present.*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters sent  
& recd:  
read.

Generall Letters to York Fort dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: and to [P]ryamong the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant read & approved. From Surat dated 18<sup>th</sup>: April, another dated 10<sup>th</sup>: May and from Bombay dated 15<sup>th</sup>: August last, from Metchlepatam dated 29<sup>th</sup>: August and another the 5<sup>th</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: all read.

Soldiers  
entertain'd.

Order'd that John Thomas Lourence Godinho and Antonio de Andrade be entert<sup>d</sup>: soldiers for the West Coast, and Ignatio de Flor and Pasqual de Sousa in this Garrison.

A Doctor  
entertain'd  
for [P]ry-  
among.

There being great want of a Chirurgion at [P]ryamong, its order'd that Fran[cis] Collier be Entertain'd to go over to sloop Expedition at Five Pagodas per Mensem.

To unload  
the Comp<sup>s</sup>:  
Goods on  
board the  
Bombay  
Merch<sup>t</sup>:

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to unload such Goods as are aboard the Bombay Merchant, for the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Account.

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month July last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                        |        |     |             |
|----------------------------------------|--------|-----|-------------|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported | ...    | Pa: | 931: 18: 63 |
| To Custom on Grain                     | ... .. | "   | 339: 24: —  |
| To Anchorage...                        | ... .. | "   | 79: —: —    |
| To Tonnage                             | ... .. | "   | 22: 8: —    |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1372: 14: 63

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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Sloops Expedition Thomas Hounson Mast<sup>r</sup>: and Mary James ffinch Sherwin Master saild for the West Coast, by whom sent Generall Letter dated 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant to the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: and Council of York Fort, and One to the Cheif and Council of [P]ryamong dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: ditto, &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as per list of the Pacquet.

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Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David the 20<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as per List of the Pacquet.

25<sup>TH</sup>

Received Generall Letter from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as per List of the Pacquet, with a Watch belonging to the Codgee of that place sent to be mended.

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ATTN CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
[25TH]

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THO: WRIGHT  
MATT: EMPSON THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Seventeen thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: of Silver and Goods sold, and Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer Two thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Sea Customs.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 17000  
paid into  
Cash by the  
Warehouse-  
keeper and  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2000  
by the Sea  
Custom<sup>r</sup>:

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
order'd to be  
paid the  
Paym<sup>r</sup>:  
Letters sent  
and read:  
read,

• Generall Letter to the President and Councill at Bengall of this date, from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 20<sup>th</sup>: Instant & from Metchlepatam dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant, &c<sup>a</sup>: papers in both Pacquets, all read.

• Mr: John Meverell read his Land Custom Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month August last, particulars viz<sup>t</sup>:

Land Custom  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
mo: August,  
read &

|                   |     |     |     |     |                                |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 149: 25: 24 |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28: 9: 53                      |
| Registring Slaves | ... | ... | ... | ... | —: 24: —                       |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 178: 22: 77

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One hundred seventy One Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Land Customs.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 171  
Paid into  
Cash on the  
Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 500 to  
be paid ye:  
Washers.

Order'd that Five hundred Pagodas be paid Paulo &c<sup>a</sup>: Washers for cureing the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cloth.

Order'd that Benjamin Hinton be Entertain'd in the Gunroom.

Gunner  
entertain'd:  
Goods of Mr.  
du Bois's on  
a Contract  
with the  
Comp<sup>a</sup>: sent  
from  
Bombay.

Whereas the Deputy Governour and Councill at Bombay, have consign'd to the President and Councill of this Place and Mr: Daniel 'du Bois, sundry Goods on the Bombay Merchant, being part of what was brought out of England, upon a Contract between the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company and the said Daniel du Bois, particulars of which appears as p Invoice.

In Persuance of the Generall Presid<sup>t</sup>: & Councill at Surat their Letter dated the 10<sup>th</sup>: May last, and copy of the Contract made in England with the Company, It is order'd that the Warehousekeeper receive the Goods into his custody and put 'em in a Warehouse where Mr: du Bois may have free Egress & regress for the disposing of them, and as they are disposed of, the money to be Deposited in the Warehousekeepers hands till the 910£: 3<sup>s</sup>: 2<sup>d</sup>: (being what remains due to the Company) be satisfied, unless Mr: du Bois gives security for the said sum, that then the Warehousekeeper shall be ordered to deliver the said Goods.

Said Goods to  
be kept by  
ye: Ware-  
housekeeper,  
till the  
remainder  
due on the  
Contract to  
the Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
be satisfied.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Bombay Merchant John Tyler Commander saild for Bengall, by whom 26 sent Generall Letter to President Beard &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of yesterdays date.  
Dispatch'd Overland Generall Letter to Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date.

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Received Generall Letter from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 17<sup>th</sup>: Instant, chiefly to inclose a paper and Protest sent our Cheif and Council by M<sup>r</sup>: John Pitt the new Comp<sup>s</sup>: President there, about Lewis de Paz and his servants being in our ffactory at Metchlepatam.

[OCTOBER]

ATT A CONSULTATION

FRIDAY  
3RD

Present

THOMAS PITT: PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR  
THOMAS WRIGHT                      MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOMAS MARSHALL                  JOHN MEVERELL.

Accot<sup>t</sup>: Cash  
for Sept<sup>r</sup>:  
m<sup>o</sup>: read.  
A peice of  
ground  
belonging to  
the Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
sold for 100  
Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
paid for  
Charges  
Garrison.  
Sea Custom  
Accot<sup>s</sup>: for  
the m<sup>o</sup>:  
August, read.

The President read his Accot<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash for the month Sep<sup>r</sup>: last, Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 79824: 23: 1.

Pasquall de Grass pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: C: Cash One hundred Pagodas, being for a Peice of Ground belonging to them sold him, standing in the Black Town, for which a Deed is order'd to be drawn up to be sign'd by us.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his Accot<sup>s</sup>: for the month August last, particulars viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                            |     |                                |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|
| To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 910: 26: 33 |
| To Custom on Grain ...                     | ... | 576: 26: —                     |
| To Anchorage ...                           | ... | 90: —: —                       |
| To Salvage ...                             | ... | 6: 34: —                       |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1583: 14: 33

Paym<sup>ts</sup>:  
Accot<sup>s</sup>: for  
August read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Accot<sup>s</sup>: for the month August last, particulars viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                  |     |                            |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|
| Charges Garrison ...             | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 1448: 7 |
| Charges Cattle ...               | ... | 35: 9                      |
| Charges Merchandize ...          | ... | 2: 28                      |
| Charges Diet ...                 | ... | 229: 16                    |
| Fort St <sup>t</sup> : David ... | ... | 4: 18                      |
| Charges Extraordinary ...        | ... | 5: 23                      |
| West Coast ...                   | ... | 31: 30                     |
| Fortifications & Repairs ...     | ... | 49: 30                     |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2252: 12

Gunner  
entertain'd.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 250  
paid into  
Cash for one  
years wine  
Licence.

Order'd that Isaac George be Entertain'd in the Gunroom crew.

Peter des Pominare for Accot<sup>t</sup>: of William Proby pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Two hundred & fifty Pagodas, being for one year[s] wine Licence ending the 25<sup>th</sup>: March last.

Letter &  
other papers  
from Met-  
chlepatam,  
read.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 17<sup>th</sup>: past, with a Paper & Protest from M<sup>r</sup>: John Pitt the new Comp<sup>s</sup>: President at Metchlepatam to our Cheif & Councill there, all read.

Warehouse  
Accot<sup>t</sup>: for  
Aug<sup>t</sup>: read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Accot<sup>s</sup>: for the month August last.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
6TH

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Six thousand Pagodas for silver & Goods sold, and Four hundred sixty two Pagodas, being for Torn & turn'd out cloth sold at Outcry of the old Contract, for which the Joint Stock Merchants are order'd to have credit.

Pags 6000  
paid into  
Cash by the  
Warehouse-  
keeper &  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 462  
for Torn &  
turn'd out  
cloth.  
The Minist-  
ers & Church  
wardens  
request to  
buy [a piece  
of] Ground.

The Ministers and Church wardens by their Petition now deliver'd and Enter'd after this Consultation, requesting that a peice of ground belonging to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: adjoining to the Church house may be sold them, to make said house Tenantable, w<sup>ch</sup>: ground wee are satisfied may be well spared, being of little use, It is order'd that Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Wright & Marshall make a surveigh & report the Value.

The Accomptant is order'd to draw out the Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the last half years salary due to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Servants ending the 29<sup>th</sup>: September last.

The Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
salary to be  
drawn out.  
Rose water  
to be sent  
to Fort St<sup>t</sup>:  
David.

Order'd that One Chest of Rose Water be sent to Fort St<sup>t</sup>: David by a Country boat bound thi[ther].

Gunner  
entertain'd.  
Some  
Acco<sup>t</sup>s: in  
the Gen<sup>l</sup>:  
books order'd  
to be clear'd.  
[Some] of  
the Joint  
Stock  
Merch<sup>ts</sup>:  
refusing to  
carry on a  
New Cont-  
ract, others  
to be  
encouraged.

Order'd that Joseph Horton be Entertain'd in the Gunroom Crew.

The Accomptant produceing three Journall parcells relating to Acco<sup>t</sup>: Differences, Sea Customers Acco<sup>t</sup>: and John Stylemans Credit, the same is order'd to be clear'd for the reasons therein given.

Our Joint Stock Merchants having lately had some Differences amongst themselves about their Acco<sup>ts</sup>: as is pretended, also that they have had great Losses by their former contracts, some of 'em have refused to be concern'd in a new One, upon which Serapa the Cheif Merchant has been order'd to get other Merchants in their room; and this day brought some of 'em before us for our approbation, some of which were refused and others order'd to be brought in their room, but Serapa told us that the Merchants who had left em, made so great a noise about their Losses, that it deter'd others from comeing in, and there was no way to bring in more Merchants but by first agreeing upon y<sup>e</sup>: Prices, w<sup>ch</sup>: wee consented to and in order thereto, order'd all the Musters to be brought before us and the Merch<sup>ts</sup>: to attend tomorrow morning.

THO: [PITT].  
FRANCIS [ELLIS].  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: [WRIGHT].  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

ATT A CONSULTATION.

TUESDAY  
7TH

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to deliver Eleven hundred Rupees to the Champitells Gomasters for defraying some charges at the Mogulls Court, and the

Rups: 1100  
to be paid  
for defraying

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[7<sup>th</sup>]

charges at  
the Mogulls  
Camp:  
Persia  
Liquors &c:  
to be bot : &  
a Present  
thereof to be  
made up for  
the Nabob.  
Pag<sup>s</sup>. 500  
advanc'd for  
the Black  
Town Wall  
&c:  
The Joint  
Stock Merch-  
ants treated  
about a new  
Contract.

Paymaster to Buy some Persia Liquors and Fruits at Outery, out of which it's likewise order'd that a proper Present be made up and sent to Nabob Doud Cawn.

Order'd that Five hundred Pagodas be advanc'd to Mr: Thomas Marshall for defraying charges of the Black Town Wall & Works.

The Joint Stock Merchants attending this morning to Treat upon a new Contract and in order thereto view'd the Musters, w<sup>ch</sup>: in Generall being very good, would have had all new made. They also laid before us the present circumstances of affairs; that cotton was very dear, and great Investments made by all Europeans on this Coast, in so much, that tho the weavers made the cloth never so bad, there was some body to Buy it, which would occasion their not being able to keep up to Muster, and that unless wee advance Twenty five  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent on the last contract, they could not undertake itt, to which the President & Councill answer'd that it was more for the Companys advantage to return 'em their money and offer'd 'em Five  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent advance upon the Musters of last year, and gave 'em till Tomorrow to consider of itt.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TO THE HON<sup>ble</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>r</sup>:  
PRESIDENT & GOV<sup>r</sup>: OF FORT ST: GEORGE  
&c<sup>a</sup>: AND TO THE GENTLEMEN OF COUNCILL.

This Petition  
should have  
been enter'd  
after Con-  
sult<sup>n</sup>: of the  
6<sup>th</sup>:

The Hum<sup>ble</sup>: Petition of Ministers and Churchwardens of the Parish of St: Maries in Fort St: George.

Sheweth.

That the Church house both in the first building, and in some additions made to it since, hath stood the Church in a considerable sum of money, but is still hardly Tenantable for want of Yard Room for a Kitchen, Godowns and other outhouses, necessary to render it a convenient Dwelling.

And it further sheweth, That there is a peice of Ground of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys, adjoining to the said house, which might serve for the conveniencys aforementioned, and is of little use to the Company, and stands seperated from all other grounds and Building of theirs by a very high wall with Battlement.

Wee therefore make it our humble request to your Hon<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: that you will be pleased to sell the said peice of ground to the Church, for which wee are willing to pay such a sum of money as the Cheif Builders in the Place (upon a surveigh taken of it) shall judge it to be worth, and wee humbly conceive, that as your disposing of said ground will be of great advantage to the Church, so it will be no detriment to the Company, and your Petitioners (as in duty bound) shall ever pray.

Dated in Fort St: George the 3<sup>d</sup>: October 1701.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
DAY  
[8<sup>TH</sup>]

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month September last.

Order'd that four Chests of silver in Ingotts be sold Ramachundra at the rate of 16½ weighty Dollars for Ten Pagodas.

Warehouse  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
Sepr: read.  
4 Chests  
silver sold at  
16½ Doll:  
for Ten  
Pag<sup>s</sup>:

The Merchants again this day attended about a new Contract, who insisted still upon 25  $\text{P}$  Cent, without which as the Nature of affairs are at present, and the quantity of Goods that wee expect, It is impossible for 'em to comply; Wee now offer'd 'em Six  $\text{P}$  cent, provided, they would expediate the Investment and undertake for Two hundred thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: so gave 'em time to consider of itt.

Six  $\text{P}$  Cent  
advance upon  
the last con-  
tract, provi-  
ded the  
Merchts:  
w<sup>o</sup>d: under-  
take for  
200000  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: but  
they insist on  
25.

Wee having great complaints, that the stamp on the Copper Cash was worn out, in so much that they would not pass in the Market which being a great greivance to the Poor, it is unanimously agreed and order'd, that the Paymaster receive them all in, & deliver 'em to the Mintmaster to be new coin'd.

The Stamp  
upon y<sup>e</sup>:  
Copper Cash  
being worn  
out, to be  
call'd in &  
new coin'd.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOMAS MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Advice frigate William Redhead Com<sup>r</sup>: arrived from Bengall late this 8 Night, and after ten a clock, the Captain came ashore with the Pacquet, containing their Gen<sup>l</sup>. Letter dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: & 13<sup>th</sup>: August last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as  $\text{P}$  List.

Also arrived ship Dutchess Hugh Raymond Com<sup>mander</sup> from Vizagapatam, Madap<sup>m</sup>: and Metchlepatam with Pacquets from each ffactory, containing their General Letters &c<sup>a</sup>: papers according to the respective List[s].

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

THURSDAY  
9<sup>TH</sup>

Generall Letter from Bengall dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: May last received via Vizagapatam, and another dated the 4<sup>th</sup>: & 12<sup>th</sup>: August  $\text{P}$  ship Advice frigate: from Vizagapatam dated 28<sup>th</sup>: Aug<sup>t</sup>: last, from Metchlepatam dated 2<sup>d</sup>: Instant, and from Madapollam dated the 25<sup>th</sup>: & 27<sup>th</sup>: September &c<sup>a</sup>: papers in each Pacquet, read.

Letters  
received,  
read.

[9th]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1701.—

Full Kentil-  
lage of salt-  
petre to be  
sent on board  
ye :  
Dutchess.  
The Bengal  
stores to be  
unladen from  
ye : Advice  
frigate, her  
Kentilage of  
Salt-petre to  
be continued  
on board &  
Red wood to  
be sent off.  
The bales  
from ye : No :  
ern factorys  
to be conti-  
nued on ye :  
Dutchess for  
England  
[Except] only  
some few for  
inspection &  
washing.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper Traverse from ship Advice frigate on board ye : Dutchess 634 bags of salt-petre poiz 905 : 2 : 24 being with what before ship'd in full of her Kentilage, and that the Wheat, Wax and remainder of the salt-petre be unladen from the Advice frigate, reserving 290 bags the amount of her Charterparty allowance, and that her proportion of redwood be sent off with all expedition, to expediate her Dispatch to Fort St : David, for the taking in such bales there, formerly order'd to be put on board for the West Coast.

Its likewise order'd, that what bales brought from the Northern factorys & ship Dutchess be continued on board for England, except the following for our inspection and washing Viz :

## From Vizagapatam

|            |                            |     |     |     |     | bale. |
|------------|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| L C O N° . | 1. Long Cloth ordinary     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| S A O N° . | 1. Salampores ordinary     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
| S B B N° . | A. Strip'd Betteelas Brown | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18    |
|            | B. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17    |
|            | C. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10    |
|            | D. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9     |
|            | T. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6     |
| P B B N° . | A A. Plain Betteelas brown | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1     |
|            | A. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10    |
|            | B. Ditto                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3     |

## From Metchlepatam

|           |                         |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| S F. N° . | 3. Salampores fine      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| L C F.    | 2. Long Cloth fine      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| D M F.    | 1. Dimities fine        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| O B.      | 1. Oringall Betteela's  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| D G.      | 2. Golcondah Betteelas  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| [R]       | 2. Romalls Saucerguntys | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| [ ... ]   | 2. Romalls Bengall      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

## From Madapollam

|           |                    |     |     |     |     |   |
|-----------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| L F C. N° | 2. Long Clath fine | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| G S       | 1. Gingham Sheets  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| S F A     | 2. Salampores fine | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
|           | 1. Scarlet         | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Metchlepatam  
bill for 400 pa:  
order'd to be  
paid.

Pag<sup>s</sup> : 100  
paid into  
Cash by Mr :  
Fraser  
deposit  
[and] why.

Order'd that Four hundred Pagodas be paid Mr : Richard Foquett, being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif & Councill of Metchlepatam dated the 2<sup>d</sup> : Instant.

Wee having acquainted Mr : Will : Fraser with a Paragraph of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Letter by this last years shipping relateing to One hundred Pagodas Missing of Fifty thous<sup>d</sup> : Pagodas sent to Bengall & ship Orange while he was Warehousekeeper which they order to recover with Interest on the same, whereupon he has deliver'd a Paper enter'd after this Consultation, and pays as a Deposit One hundred Pagodas till the Comp<sup>s</sup> : further pleasure be known therein.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEYERELL.

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[9<sup>TH</sup>]

THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>: PRESIDENT &  
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: GEORGE & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCILL.

The R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company in their Generall Letter by the Advice frigate demand of me the payment of Pag<sup>s</sup>: One hundred so long ago found short in Bengall of what ought to be received from the ship Orange with Interest on the same, in case I do not make it evidently plain to Yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: where the same ought to fix, concerning which I have long since given a full answer, as may be found enter'd in the begining of Fort St: George copy book of Letters received commencing January 169<sup>5</sup> to which I humbly referr, and with submission I think no man ought to be accountable for any more than what can be proved he received and in my case, there is neither any receipt or prooffe that the sum of Pag<sup>s</sup>: Fifty thousand was received by those who brought the same to my chamber to be chested up, w<sup>ch</sup>: was done in the presence of severalls now Living and then immediately ship'd off. But not to [int'rupt] yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>r</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: affairs of greater importance, I am willing for the present to deliver into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: One hundred [as] a Deposite to remain there, untill the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: further pleasure in this matter be known. I am with all respect.

Hon<sup>ble</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>:  
Yo<sup>r</sup>: Hon<sup>rs</sup>: & C<sup>a</sup>: most hum<sup>ble</sup>: Serv<sup>ts</sup>:

Fort St: George  
28<sup>th</sup>: August 1701.

WILLIAM FR[ASER].

Dispatche'd Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date, pressing 'em to gett ready the Two hundred bales for the Advice frigate, who is to call there in her way to the West Coast. 9<sup>TH</sup>

ATT A CONSULTATION

FRIDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT: PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The Warehousekeeper is orderd forthwith, to Lade ship Dutches, for England, proportioning the fine and course Goods, and send off the West Coast pepper received  $\Phi$  sloop Expedition as the Comander calls for it. Dutches to Lade for England.

Order'd that Peter Cotcheen be Entertain'd a soldier for the West Coast.

Topass entertain'd soldier for the West Coast.

Mr: Thomas Marshall pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1973: 18: 71: being the Ballance of Mr: Richard Darley deceas'd his Estate in the Admiralty Court, and delivers us such papers belonging to him, which are order'd to be remitted for England, and likewise acquaints us, that there is some part of his Estate in the hands of Mr: Nath<sup>l</sup>: Eyton at [P]ryamong, but the amount he knows not.

Pag: 1973: 18: 71 the Amt: of Richd: Darley decd: his Estate pd: into cash from y<sup>e</sup>: Adm<sup>y</sup>: Court w<sup>th</sup>: his papers.

Order'd that Paul Tiffany Soldier be Discharg'd, and have leave to go for England  $\Phi$  ship Dutches, at his request, having serv'd out his covenanted time.

[A] soldier discharg'd at his request.

[10<sup>TH</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1701—

The Merch<sup>ts</sup>,  
treated on a  
new  
Contract,  
but could  
come to no  
agreement.

Wee had this day the Merchants again before us, but could come to no agreement, they insisting on unreasonable [terms].

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

11

Received Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated the 7<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

SATURDAY  
11<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

A Coffree to  
be bought  
for the West  
Coast.  
Letter from  
Fort St :  
David read ;  
& two bills of  
Excha : is  
order'd to be  
paid.  
Mr : Danl :  
du Bois made  
storekeeper.

There offering a Coffree to be sold for twenty five Pagodas, the Paymaster is orderd to Buy it for the West Coast.

Generall Letter from Fort St : David dated the 7<sup>th</sup> : Instant, read, which adviseing of two bills Exchange drawn on us for Four thousand Pagodas payable to Sunca Rama, the same is order'd to be Paid.

Mr : Daniel du Bois being arrived from Bombay, and the 15<sup>th</sup> : Paragraph of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> : November 1699, now read which mentions their having Entertain'd him a sen<sup>r</sup> : merchant. It is therefore ordered that he be appointed storekeeper, to take charge at the end of this month.

A peice of  
ground sold  
the Ministers  
& Church-  
wardens for  
75 pag<sup>s</sup> :

Mess<sup>rs</sup> : Wright and Marshall having view'd the ground and Buildings adjoining to the Colledge, which the Ministers and Church Wardens Petition'd us to be sold 'em, in order to make a house belonging to the Church Tenantable, they report the value seventy five Pagodas, which is agreed to be sold 'em, and the Attorney Generall order'd to draw a conveyance accordingly.

The Merch<sup>ts</sup> :  
attended a  
New  
Contract, but  
nothing done.

The Merchants appear'd before us according to order, but still insisted upon the same unreasonable terms.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

TUESDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
THOMAS WRIGHT                  THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
MATTHEW EMPSON  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Generall Letter to Metchlepatam of this date read and approved.

Letter to  
Metchlepatam :  
read.  
The Merch<sup>ts</sup> :  
reduced their  
order.

The Merchants according to order attended this day, with whom having a long Debate, they reduced their former demands to fifteen  $\frac{1}{2}$  cent, to whom wee

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[14<sup>TH</sup>]

offer'd eight fine Oringall Betteela's, fine Long Cloth, fine Salampores & Moorees excepted, or six ½ Cent round, but came to no agreement.

demands no  
15 ½ Cent  
but Cod;  
come to no  
agreemt :

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Metchlep<sup>m</sup> : of yesterdays date.

15

Received Generall Letter from Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 11<sup>th</sup> : Instant &c<sup>a</sup> : 16<sup>th</sup> papers mention'd.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY  
[16<sup>TH</sup>]

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL  
M<sup>r</sup> : ELLIS. *Indispos'd.*

Generall Letter from Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 11<sup>th</sup> : Instant, read.

Order'd that two Candy of Bees Wax be sent to Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David ½ the Advice frigate

Letter from  
Fort St<sup>t</sup> :  
David read.  
Two Candy  
Wax to be  
sent to Fort  
St<sup>t</sup> : David.  
Two hundred  
bags Salt-  
petre more  
than her  
Kentilage to  
be Laden  
on ye :  
Dutchess.  
Sword blades  
improper for  
the Garrison  
to be sold at  
Outcry.  
Fort St<sup>t</sup> :  
David bill  
for 1000 pa:  
order'd to be  
paid  
The last half  
years salary  
due to the  
Comp<sup>s</sup> :  
servants  
Order'd to  
be paid.  
The old  
Mercht<sup>s</sup> : not  
offering  
reasonable  
terms, others  
are sent  
for to treat  
with.

The Warehousekeeper is order'd to cause Two hundred bags salt-petre to be traversed from the Advice frigate on board ship Dutchess more than her Charter-party proportion, as ½ the Comanders request enter'd next after this consultation.

The Storekeeper is order'd to sell at Outcry such sword blades received ½ Advice frigate from England, being fit only for the Moors and altogether improper for the Garrison.

Order'd that One thousand Pagodas be paid Sunca Rama, being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup> : Gov<sup>r</sup> : &c<sup>a</sup> : Councill of Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David dated the 9<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

The Accomptant delivers in the Accompt of the last half years salary due to the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>s</sup> : Servants in this place ending the 29<sup>th</sup> : September last, amounting to Pag<sup>a</sup> : 1138 : 01 : 5 which is order'd to be paid.

The Joint Stock Merchants still insisting upon unreasonable terms and the time of year growing late for the making provision for the Bedford, wee sent for all the eminent Merchants in Town to propose to 'em the undertakeing a Contract, who wo<sup>d</sup> : not engage for more than Fifty-thousand Pagodas, and to bring in but a small part of it before the departure of the Bedford, and would come to no price, referring all to what the others should agree for, nor would they undertake the whole Investment.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

[16<sup>TH</sup>]

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To THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>:PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCIL.HON<sup>BLE</sup>: S<sup>R</sup>: & C<sup>A</sup>:

I request your Hon<sup>ble</sup>: & C<sup>A</sup>: will be pleased to order aboard Ship Dutchess Two hundred bags of salt-petre more than mention'd in Charterparty for the making her sailworthy.

Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George 15<sup>th</sup>: October 1701.

HUGH RAYMOND.

17

Received Generall Letter from S<sup>r</sup>: John Gayer, President Colt & Council at Surat dated 27<sup>th</sup>: August last, adviseing that by means of S<sup>r</sup>: William Norris the new Comp<sup>s</sup>: Ambassador and his Accomplices, Sundry [ . . . ] are stirred up to accuse them (at the Kings court of Piracie) for which reason their Guards are yet round the ffactory.

SATURDAY  
18<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:

THOMAS WRIGHT

THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL

MATTHEW EMPSON

JOHN MEVERELL

Letters recd:  
& sent, read.

Generall Letter from S<sup>r</sup>: John Gayer, President & Council at Surat dated 27<sup>th</sup>: Aug<sup>t</sup>: last, read, and Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date, read & approv'd.

The old &  
new Merchts:  
appear'd  
about a  
Contract,  
but did  
nothing.

The old and new Merchants were again this day before us, which tended to no other purpose than to spend time.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

18

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date, recommending him to make choice of one other of Council and proceed with all the vigour imaginable for the procury of about Ten-thousand [pieces] Calicoes offer'd by a private hand on the terms with the Joint Stock Merchants, to be brought in secretly.

19

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

MONDAY  
20<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT &amp; GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOM<sup>S</sup>: MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David Letter  
receiv'd read.

Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Stores & C<sup>A</sup>:  
to be Laden  
on ye Advice  
frigate for ye  
W<sup>t</sup>: Coast.

Ordered that the Severall stores and necessarys ready, provided for the West Coast be Laden on the Advice frigate, with what Dollars proper are procureable.

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[20TH]

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer, pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Fifteen hundred Pagodas on that Account and Pag<sup>s</sup>: 711: 20: 4 being for freight of the Josia Ketch from Bengall.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1500  
paid into  
Cash on  
Accot: Sea  
Customs &  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 711:  
20: 4. as  
freight of  
ye: Josiah  
Ketch.

The Warehousekeeper acquainting us, that Mr: du Bois was often sending for Goods out of the Warehouse, which lay there for a Deposite, till he had satisfied the Contract with the Company in England, which [we] believe he can't comply with till the Goods are sold, and whereas the Company by their Letters have order'd him his station in the Councill or next to it, which intitles him to the Employ of storekeeper, so that he has a considerable amo<sup>t</sup>: committed to his care, which induces us to come to this resolution, that all the Goods brought with him from Bombay be deliver'd to him for disposeall, and the Warehousekeeper is accordingly order'd to deliver them.

The Goods  
brought out  
of England in  
a Contract  
wth: the  
Comp<sup>a</sup>: &  
Mr: Du Bois  
to be deliv<sup>d</sup>:  
him for dis-  
poseall.

Wee had the old and new Merchants before us in relation to the Contract, but to as little purpose as formerly. The new wo<sup>d</sup>: not make any price, but refer themselves to what was done by the old, who insist upon unreasonable terms, but declin'd much on what they formerly demanded.

The old &  
new  
Merch<sup>t</sup>s:  
wd: not be  
brought to  
Contract, but  
on unreason-  
able terms.

There also came before us (without any notice or Summons from y<sup>e</sup>: Presid<sup>t</sup>:) six of the Chittees who had deserted Serapa & c<sup>a</sup>: that were in the last contract, and notwithstanding the President had us'd his utmost endeavours himself and importun'd them by others, yet he could not prevail with 'em to be concern'd in another Contract, but now they offer'd to contract themselves at 12  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent Advances, the consideration of which is defer'd till Tomorrow.

Six of the old  
joint stock  
Merch<sup>t</sup>s,  
who refuse  
to Contract  
wth: Serapa,  
offer to make  
an Invest-  
ment.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
M<sup>r</sup>: THOMAS WRIGHT M<sup>r</sup>: MATT: EMPSON  
THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

WEDNES-  
DAY  
22ND

Generall Letter to the Deputy Gov<sup>r</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup>: Councill at York Fort of yester-days date read & approved.

Letter to  
York Fort,  
read.

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeep<sup>r</sup>: & c<sup>a</sup> appointed delivers in their report of the short weight of five chests Gold received from England  $\frac{1}{2}$  ships  
oz. cwt. gr.  
Dutchess, Bedford and Phoenix being 7 6 6 which Acco<sup>t</sup>: is orderd to be remitted to the Company.

Report in  
writing of  
oz. cwt. gr.  
7 6 6  
short weight  
in 5 chests  
Gold from  
England,

[22<sup>ND</sup>]

—FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1701—

Pags : 400  
advanc'd to  
ye : Painter,  
An Invest-  
ment for  
170000  
Pags : &  
upwards  
with the old  
Merchts : at  
6  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ct :  
advance  
upon ye :  
former  
prices.

Order'd that Four hundred Pagodas be further advanc'd to Temanah &c<sup>a</sup> :  
Painters for Painting of Fine Moorees.

This day the Merchants attended, when after some debate with Serapa &c<sup>a</sup> :  
he agreed with us for the whole Investment (provided wee contracted with no  
others) at Six  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cent advance round, upon the Prices of the former Contract to  
the amo<sup>t</sup> : of one hundred Seventy thousand Pagodas and upward, and the reasons  
of our agreeing with him are, that the others would not agree for the whole  
Contract, and whereas if wee should make more than one sett of Merchants,  
't would occasion y<sup>e</sup> : Rise of Goods in the Country and great division and strifs  
amongst them, the ill consequence whereof would fall wholly on the Hon<sup>ble</sup> :  
Company.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

23

Received Generall Letter from Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David with their Letter to the  
Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Comp<sup>y</sup> : both dated the 18<sup>th</sup> : Instant.

THURSDAY  
23<sup>RD</sup>

ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
FRANCIS ELLIS MATTHEW EMPSON  
THOMAS WRIGHT THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
received  
read.  
Propper  
Guns to fitt  
two field  
Carriages  
for ye : Wt :  
Coast to be  
bought.

Generall Letter from Fort St<sup>t</sup> : David to us with their Letter to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> :  
Company both dated the 18<sup>th</sup> : Instant, read.

There being two field Carriages made for the West Coast and the Hon<sup>ble</sup> :  
Company having no small Guns fitting, the Paym<sup>r</sup> : is order'd to Buy and send  
them  $\frac{1}{2}$  ship Advice frigate.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

FRIDAY  
24<sup>TH</sup>

ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup> :  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Mallay  
Prisoner to  
be sent to  
St : Helena.

The Mallay suspected to head a mutinous party at York Fort, who was some  
years past sent hither, having been kept close Prisoner ever since, and it not  
being thought convenient to return him again, it is agreed & ordered that he be  
sent  $\frac{1}{2}$  ship Dutchess to St<sup>t</sup> : Helena.

Letter to ye :  
Comp<sup>a</sup> :  
read.

Generall Letter to the R<sup>t</sup> : Hon<sup>ble</sup> : Company to be sent  $\frac{1}{2}$  ship Dutchess  
dated the 18<sup>th</sup> : Instant read and approved.

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[24<sup>TH</sup>]

The Joint Stock Merchants having agreed in their last contract upon a new Muster of Betteelas of 50 & 40 Coveds, the former at 48 pag<sup>s</sup>: per Corge and the latter at 41, which in regard to the finess of the cloth and the lengths thereof, wee are satisfied in our judgements, that they could not make itt for near that prices so that what they have brought in, not coming up to Muster, in favour of the Merchants, and for their encouragement: wee here order the Warehouse-keeper to take in N<sup>o</sup>. 1 & 2 as sorted, and return the lower number to the Merchants to be Disposed of.

The 50 & 40  
Coveds  
Betteelas  
to be taken  
in N<sup>o</sup>. 1 &  
2 th<sup>o</sup>: short  
of Muster &  
why.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M. EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERRELL.

The President and Councill met to peruse and sign the following Generall Letters to be sent by the Advice frigat Viz<sup>t</sup>:

- To Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David } of this date and
- To the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>a</sup>: }

To York Fort dated the 21<sup>st</sup>: Instant which with Cap<sup>t</sup>: Redheads Dispatch, were all deliver'd him, and in the night she saild to fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, from thence proceeds to the West Coast with two hundred bales to be put on board at the former place.

Received Generall Letter from the Cheif and Councill at Metchlepatam dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with the severall papers as per List.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
27<sup>TH</sup>*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOUR  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERRELL.

Order'd that Abraham Taylor be Entertain'd a soldier in this Garrison.

Order'd that Five hundred Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Soldier European entertd:  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 500  
order'd ye:  
Paym<sup>r</sup>: for  
Garrison  
charges.  
Letter from  
Metchlep<sup>m</sup>:  
&c<sup>a</sup>: read.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 11<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers therew<sup>th</sup>: received, read.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meyerrell read his Land Custom Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month September last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:—

|                   |     |     |     |                  |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | ... | P. 133 : 22 : 60 |
| Rubie Brokers     | ... | ... | ... | „ 60 : 32 : 50   |
| Registring Slaves | ... | ... | ... | „ 1 : 12 : —     |

Land Custom  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
ye: mo: Sep<sup>r</sup>:  
read and

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 195 : 31 : 30

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash One hundred eightyeight Pagodas on that Account.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 188  
Paid into  
Cash on that  
Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Paym<sup>r</sup>: to  
muster ship  
Dutchess  
men, and the  
Advice frigats  
muster roll to  
be sent for  
England per  
ye: Dutchess.

The Paymaster is order'd to Muster ship Dutchess's men and report the same, and the List of the Advice frigats Company, being twenty four persons, deliver'd us Saturday last, but omitted to be sent by her to England, is order'd to be remitted per the Dutchess.

THO : PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO : WRIGHT.  
M : EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup> : MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERRELL.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, OCTOBER 1701—

28<sup>TH</sup>  
31Ship Pembroke frigate George Weoly Com<sup>r</sup>: arrived from Madapollam.

The 28<sup>th</sup>: in the afternoon it blew very hard at NNE<sup>t</sup>: and continued so all the 29<sup>th</sup>: and till the 30<sup>th</sup>: about noon, in squalls of rain and great Gusts, when it coming about to East, brought in a large Sea, and Veering to the S. E<sup>t</sup>: the Wind Dulled and much rain fell all that night and this day, being mostly calm.

To the Pembroke frigate no Boats could go off till this day, when upon their return, we were advised that the Comander had been aboard the Kathern in Madapollam road, which arrived there as he was coming away, and enquireing after news, were told, that she belonged to the new Comp<sup>a</sup>: and came from England the latter end of April, that all preparations were making for a Warr with France, being then in the Downes of English and Dutch, 125 men of warr, and the Parliament endeavouring to Unite both the East India Companys.

NOVEMBER  
1<sup>ST</sup>

Little wind all last night and this day, but abundance of rain, which prevented sending off any Boats with bales on board the Dutchess, as also the three preceeding days.

3<sup>d</sup>

Dispatch'd the Presidents Letter to Nabob Doud Cawn at Arcott, with the Present of Europe and Persia Liquors with some fruits, as order'd in consultation the 7<sup>th</sup>: past month.

4

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: Ultimo, with copy of their Consultations from the 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup>: January last to the Seventh August, adviseing the Arriveall of the Advice frigate about one League to the S<sup>o</sup>: ward of Cuddalore road.

5

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 30<sup>th</sup>: past and another of the 31<sup>st</sup>: d<sup>o</sup>: adviseing of the late great rains and winds there, which corresponds with the weather we have had here about that time, and the former mentions the Loss of the Advice frigate near Porto Novo, and the care they had taken to preserve y<sup>e</sup>: wreck and Comp<sup>s</sup>: Goods from the insolence of the Moors Government.

WEDNES-  
DAY [5<sup>TH</sup>]

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT &amp; GOVERNOUR

FRANCIS ELLIS

THOMAS WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

THOMAS MARSHALL

JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
&c<sup>a</sup>: from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David read.

The Advice  
frigate being  
lost in  
the Moors  
Government,  
Letters are  
wrote away  
for a  
Perwanna  
to clear  
y<sup>e</sup>: same.

Gunners  
discharg'd  
& one enter-  
tain'd.

The Accot:  
Cash for  
October  
read.

Generall Letters [from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David] dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: 30<sup>th</sup>: & 31<sup>st</sup>: [ . . . ] all read: the two latter mentions y<sup>e</sup>: misfortune of the Loss of the Advice frigate between Cuddalore and Porto Novo, in the late hard winds there, whereupon it's agreed the Presid<sup>t</sup>: immediately write away to the Nabob and Duan for their Perwanna, for clearing the wreck and what Goods saved, and also to Abdull Labby Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Chellumbrum & Porto Novo, requesting his Assistance herein.

Order'd that John Whatly, John Brown, William Starman, Benjamin Charles, Thomas Laston, John West, Dirick Rowlinson, Martin Hovendick & Cornelus Browne be Discharg'd the Gunroom at their request, and William Graverant be entertain'd therein.

The President read his Accot<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash for the month October last, Balance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 82309: 26.

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[5<sup>TH</sup>]

. Ponnagettee Narso &c<sup>a</sup>: Tobacco & Beetle farmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Two thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: on that Account.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2000  
paid into  
cash on  
y<sup>e</sup>: Tobacco  
& Beetle  
farm.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Late at night dispatch'd Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date, 5 incloseing copy of the Advice frigats Invoice for their information of the Companys effects Laden hence for the West Coast and the Presidents Letter to Abdull Labby Gov<sup>r</sup>: of Porto Novo (with its translate) to request his assistance in the preservation of the Wreck & Goods.

Received Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant, 7 mentioning that they had saved all the treasure put on board the Advice frigate here for the West Coast, and hoped to do the like with the Stores & Goods.

Bales being sent off sufficient to fill the Dutchess for England, and the weather 9 growing very suspicious, the Govern<sup>r</sup>: & Councill mett to peruse & sign y<sup>e</sup>: following Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>:

- To the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company dat<sup>d</sup>: 18<sup>th</sup>: October ... } 1701.
- To Dittos dat<sup>d</sup>: 3<sup>d</sup>: & P.S. the 9 Instant ... }
- To y<sup>e</sup>: Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: at St: Hellena dated the 8 Instant. }

which with the severall papers mentiond in the respective Lists, (except y<sup>e</sup>: Dutchess Invoice, which could not be drawn up time enough) were deliver'd Cap<sup>t</sup>: Raymond, with his Dispatch of this date at two a clock this afternoon, when he immediately took Palankeen and went off about two miles to the N<sup>o</sup>: ward of the Fort, a boat being there ready, with verball orders to sail if he apprehended bad weather approaching.

About 7 a clock last night the Dutchess Invoice being finished, it was with a 10 small Letter to the Company seald and Directed to them, and the Abstract of y<sup>e</sup>: Invoice apart, send off by Cattamaran, which return'd ashore about 5 a clock this morning, wee beleive, without attempting to reach the Ship, the Comander by Note to the President dated after nine at night, signifying, that the wind freshening at N<sup>o</sup>: E<sup>t</sup>: and Skey looking Greazy, he was then weighing Anchor, so conclude the ship Dutchess saild a small time after for England.

Ship Pembroke frigate George Weoly Com<sup>r</sup>: saild on a trading Voyage for the Coasts of Affreck & India, by whom sent the Inv<sup>o</sup>: of ship Dutchess and abstract thereof, under two coverts both directed to the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, with Orders that if they mett the Dutchess at sea or any other ships bound for England, Holland or Portugal to deliver them.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup>

Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

The President pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H. Comp<sup>s</sup>: cash One hundred & four Pag<sup>s</sup>: being for permission of Passage of the following persons for England & ship Dutchess Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                        |     |     |     |     |        |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| John & Ann Trenchfeild | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 52 |
| Comillo Gozadino       | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 26   |
| Catherina              | ... | ... | ... | ... | " 26   |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 104  
paid into  
Cash for  
permission  
of Passen-  
gers on ship  
Dutchess.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 104

[10<sup>TH</sup>]

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Pags: 2  
paid into  
Cash on  
Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Passes  
for Mo: .  
October.  
Pags: 1000  
paid out  
of Cash for  
Garrison  
Charges.  
Pags: 566:  
24. paid into  
Cash on the  
Arrac farm.  
Letters sent  
& read:  
read.

Charles Bugden Secretary read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: Fees for Passes for the month October last, and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Two Pag<sup>s</sup>: their part.

Order'd that One thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Tho: Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Gruapah &<sup>a</sup>: Arrac farmers pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 566: 24: on y<sup>t</sup>: Acco<sup>t</sup>.

Generall Letters to Vizagapatam & Bengall of this date read and approv'd and Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, read.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to ffort St: David, of this date advertiseing 'em to gett ready w<sup>t</sup>: Stores sav'd from the Advice frigate, wee intending a small vessell suddainly, to call there in her way to the West Coast.

TUESDAY  
11<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS                      THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON                  THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Soldiers  
entertain'd.

Order'd that Pasquall Ferrada & Antonio de Rozairo be ent<sup>d</sup>: soldiers in this Garrison.

A large  
Investment  
made with  
the Joint  
Stock  
Merchants.

The investm<sup>t</sup>: agreed for y<sup>e</sup>: 22<sup>d</sup>: past w<sup>th</sup>: Serapa &<sup>a</sup>: Jo: Stock Merch<sup>ts</sup>: was defer'd to be completed till this day by reason the hurry of business wee were in to Dispatch the Dutchess the P<sup>t</sup>iculars of which is ent<sup>d</sup>: after this Consult<sup>n</sup>: when 'twas agreed that they should be paid Forty thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: as part of the Investment and Tashereift as usuall only to Checca Serapa the Cheif Merch<sup>t</sup>: for the service he had done in procureing great quantitys of Goods for the King William and Dutchesse, and to encourage him to do the like for the Bedford, wee unanimously agreed to give him a Gold Chain and Medall that lay by in the Warehouse to the Value of One hundred & seventeen Pagodas.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Seal.

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT & CONTRACT made in Fort S<sup>t</sup>: George this Eleventh day of November 1701 Between Thomas Pitt Esq<sup>r</sup>: President &<sup>a</sup>: Councill for affairs of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: English East India Company and under written Merchants, in behalf of themselves jointly and severally and the rest of the hundred share Merchants Viz<sup>t</sup>: Checca Serape, Nairo Verona, Checca Shevram, Arreapa,

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[11<sup>TH</sup>]

Ponnagettee Narso, Eccombrum Moodelly, Annandee, Verdua Mooteapa, Codundah Raxi Chitty and Pegu Chinnia.

The said Merchants do contract that they will provide for the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: the following quantities and sorts of Goods to the amount of One hundred ninety six thousand, Two hundred eighty seven Pagodas & Eighteen fanams, to be sorted by the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Servants according to the Musters now produc'd & agreed upon, and at the following prices Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                     | Cords:                         | Ps:           | Pa.     | Fa.                        |          | Pag.                 |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Long Cloth fine     | 72 Long 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ brod : | 6000          | at 79 : | 18                         | pp Corge | [2385 : — : . . .]   |
| Long Cloth Middling | 72 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 3000          | 43 :    | 16                         |          | [6516 : — : . . .]   |
| Long Cloth ordinary | 72 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 20000         | 36 :    | 1                          |          | [36027 : 2 : . . .]  |
| Salampores Midling  | 32 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 24000         | 17 :    | 17                         |          | [20986 : — : . . .]  |
| Salampores fine     | 32 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 4000          | 30 :    | 26                         |          | [6144 : 16 : —]      |
| Moorees fine        | 18 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 6000          | 38 :    | 5                          |          | [114412 : : . . .]   |
| Moorees Ordinary    | 20 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 12000         | 21 :    | 7                          |          | [12716 : 24 : . . .] |
| Ginghams            | 40 2 $\frac{1}{4}$             | 1500          | 68 :    | 32                         |          | [5166 : 24 : . . .]  |
| Betteelas           | 50 2                           | 10000         | 39 :    | 7                          |          | [19597 : 8 : . . .]  |
| Ditto               | 40 2                           | 6000          | 39 :    | 7                          |          | [11758 : 12 : . . .] |
| Betteelas Oringall  | 32 2                           | 9000          | 74 :    | 7                          |          | [33387 : : . . .]    |
| Betteelas Podavetz  | 32 2                           | 3000          | 33 :    | 13                         |          | [5004 : : . . .]     |
| Succatons fine      | 40 2                           | 1000          | 74 :    | 7                          |          | [3009 : : . . .]     |
|                     |                                | Peices 105500 |         |                            |          |                      |
|                     |                                |               |         | Page : 196287 : 18 : . . . |          |                      |

All which Goods are to be deliver'd, sorted and Embaled in Fort St: George on or before the tenth day of February Anno 170 $\frac{1}{2}$  and the Merchants in case of failure, are to forfeit Twenty five pp Cent excepting only the impediments which shall unavoidably arise from Warr or the stops made by the Country Government and the President & Council in case any such stops shall be made, do promise to use their endeavours for clearing the same. But the risgo and charges is understood to be the Merchants as usuall and for said Goods they are to pay Land Custom 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  ppCent and Dustore one ppCent.

The said President and Council do Contract and promise to Pay the said Merchants the sum of Forty thousand Pagodas on the sealing hereof, and afterwards upon the delivery of any quantity of Cloth on this Contract, either at the Land Custom-house or measureing Godown, the like value in money then to be advanc'd and paid them (if required) and so continue such payments until the whole contract is finished.

And the said Merchants do further agree to make a Joint Stock of [*Lacuna in the original*] Pagodas, and lay a Moiety of the same at signing this Contract, and the other Moiety in one months time from the date hereof, In witness whereof the aforesaid Merchants have sett their hands [ & ] the Seal of their Joint Stock, and the [Governor] and Council have sett their hands and the seal of the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company unto one other writing of the same Tenor & Date.

• Mem: The allowance to be cutt from N<sup>o</sup>. to N<sup>o</sup>. of Long Cloth Ordinary Pag<sup>a</sup>: 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  ppCorge and the rest as pp former Contracts.

Signed and Seald  
in the presence  
of Cha:  
Bugden Sec<sup>ry</sup>:

Seal.

చక్క నన్నయ.  
నాయర విరప్పయ.  
చక్కనెన రాముడు.  
కాయరాజు గుడ్డహరియప్ప.  
వరదమతిసాప్ప.  
పొన్నగంటి నరసు.  
ఇకాంబరమ్.  
అన్నయయన డై.  
కోదండరామ శెట్టి.

CHECOA SERAPA.  
NAIRO VERONA.  
CHECOA SHEVERAM.  
[KAMA RAZOO GUDDA HARIAPPA.]  
[VARADAMUTHIAPPA.]  
[PONNAGUNTTY NARASU.]  
[EKAMBARAM.]  
[ANNANDAI.]  
[KOTHUNDARAMA SETTI.]

[11<sup>th</sup>]

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1701—

The Joint Stock Merchants having sign'd the above Contract & being Tashereift, had at their going out the Choultry Gate, the usual complement of Guns fired.

12 Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant, with a List of private Goods sav'd from the Advice frigats wreck.

13 Received Generall Letter from Metchlepatam adviseing the death of M<sup>r</sup>: John Foquet our Companys cheif there.

THURSDAY  
13<sup>th</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATHEW EMPSON

The Councill being duly summon'd.

Bill of  
Exchange  
drawn by the  
Comp<sup>a</sup>:  
order'd  
to be paid.  
Topaz  
soldiers  
entert'd:  
Letters sent  
& recd:  
read.  
The fort  
S<sup>t</sup>: David  
bills order'd  
to be paid.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright presents us a bill dated the 31<sup>st</sup>: Dec<sup>r</sup>: 1700 drawn by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company for Pag<sup>s</sup>: 389: 18: payable to M<sup>r</sup>: Abraham Houblon, and by him indors'd to Ursula O'Neal, w<sup>ch</sup>: is Order'd to be paid, altho no advice thereof received, being satisfied the signing to be Secretary Blackburnes.

Order'd that Manuel Fernandes & Manuel Viera Portuguez be Entertain'd sold<sup>rs</sup>: in this Garrison.

Generall Letters to Metchlepatam & Madapollam of yesterdays date read and approv'd, also Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David of the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant read.

Order'd that Eight thousand Pagodas be paid the following persons, being for three bills of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David Viz<sup>t</sup>:

To M<sup>r</sup>: John Affleck for ... .. Pa: 2000

To Rackunda Chittee ... .. „ 3000

To Moota Linga Chittee ... .. „ 3000

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 8000:

Metchlepm:  
Letter read:  
read.

Generall Letter from Metchlepatam dated the 29<sup>th</sup>: October and 3<sup>d</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>: read.

Metchlepm:  
bill order'd  
to be paid.

Order'd that Four thousand Pagodas be paid Kittee Narrain, being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill at Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.

15 Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

16 Received Generall Letter from ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

TUESDAY  
18<sup>th</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS THO: WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON THO: MARSHALL

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 57300  
paid into  
Cash by the  
Mintmaster  
&  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 6000  
by y<sup>e</sup>:  
Warehouse-  
keeper, for  
silver &c<sup>a</sup>:  
sold.

The President as Mintmaster pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Cash Fifty Seven thousand three hundred Pagodas, being on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Gold received from England coin'd in the Mint, and Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays in Six thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: for Silver and Goods sold.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1701—

[18<sup>TH</sup>]

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month September last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Paym<sup>rs</sup>:  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
Sepr: m<sup>o</sup>:  
read.

|                         |     |     |     |     |                 |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------------|
| Charges Garrison        | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pa: 1340: 28: — |
| Charges Cattle          | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 38: 30: —     |
| Charges Extraordinary   | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 4: 4: —       |
| Charges Diet            | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 235: 13: —    |
| Charges Generall        | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 391: 2: —     |
| West Coast              | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 508: 29: —    |
| fortification & repairs | ... | ... | ... | ... | „ 24: 23: —     |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: ... 2543: 21: —

Mr: Matthew Empson Sea Customer read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month September last particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

Sea  
Customers  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
Septemb<sup>r</sup>:  
m<sup>o</sup>: read, &

|                                                                          |     |     |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| To Custom on Goods Import <sup>d</sup> : & Exported                      | ... | ... | Pa: 924: 12: 48 |
| To Custom on Grain                                                       | ... | ... | „ 373: 15: 60   |
| To Anchorage                                                             | ... | ... | „ 85: — —       |
| To Acco <sup>t</sup> : freight on y <sup>e</sup> : Josia Ketch a Bengall | ... | ... | „ 711: 20: 69   |

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 2094: 12: 77

and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash One thousand Pagodas on that account.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1000  
paid into  
Cash on that  
Acco<sup>t</sup>.

Order'd that the Warehousekeeper sells the Thirty bags of Bengall Wheat receiv'd by the Advice frigate, it being not fitt for y<sup>e</sup>: use of the Garrison.

Wheat 30  
bags unfitt  
for use to be  
sold.

Order'd that Antonio de Rosairo and Manuel Parera be entertain'd soldiers in this Garrison.

Topaz  
soldiers  
entertain'd.

Two Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David, one dated the 12<sup>th</sup>: the other the 13<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read.

Letters from  
Fort St:

The stewards Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the months of September and October last were read.

Dayd: read.  
Stewards  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
Sepr: and  
October  
read.

The misfortune of the Advice frigate having disappointed our sending such recruits as necessary for the West Coast, besides wee having advis'd thither by [ . . . ] former conveyances that wee would send 'em the Advice frigate to fill up w<sup>th</sup>: Pepper which may induce 'em to keep a quantity by 'em, so as not to imbrace opportunity that may offer for freighting pepper for this port, the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company having not advis'd this year that they intended any ship for the West Coast and further wee having had late advices from the Coast of India of a Pirate of great force being there, which is fear'd may go to Malacca, or lye about the Nicumbar Islands for the China Ships, of which there is One of the Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys and several others belonging to this port expected in January or February next, so that for the foregoing reasons wee have thought fitt to Buy of Cap<sup>t</sup>: Gostlin a small Vessell the Madrass Pinnace burthen about Twenty five Tons for Two hundred ninety seven Pag<sup>s</sup>: which is order'd imediately to be fitted and supply'd with what stores she wants and forthwith dispatch'd to ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David, there to take in the Treasure and what else she's able that was sav'd of the wreck & proceed imediately to York Fort, and if possible in her way thither, to fetch Acheen and send a Prow with a Pacquet to Malacca, to precaution the China ships of what danger they are in from the Pirates.

To Carry  
Stores &  
Advices to  
the West  
Coast and if  
possible to  
touch at  
Acheen for  
advices to  
y<sup>e</sup>: return-  
ing China  
ships, a small  
sloop is  
bought.

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M: EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1701—

19<sup>TH</sup> Dispatch'd 39 Pattamars the following Generall Letters with the severall papers therein mention'd, Viz<sup>t</sup>:

To Metchlepatam dat<sup>d</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup>: Instant.  
 To Madapollam „ d<sup>o</sup>. date.  
 To Vizagapatam „ 10<sup>th</sup>: d<sup>o</sup>.  
 To Bengall „ 10<sup>th</sup>: d<sup>o</sup>.

20<sup>TH</sup> The Madrass Pinnace sail'd for ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David by whom sent Generall Letter to the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Gov<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill there dated the 18<sup>th</sup>: Instant, ordering 'em to Dispatch her for the West Coast, after having Loaden the Treasure &c<sup>a</sup>: sav'd from the Advice frigate: Our Pacquet for York Fort containing Generall Letter of the 18<sup>th</sup>: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers was also sent.

27 Received Generall Letter from Madapoll<sup>m</sup>: dated the 15<sup>th</sup> Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers inclosed, with two Musters of Long Cloth and Salampores ordinary.

28 Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 21<sup>st</sup>: & 22<sup>d</sup>: Instant, with the severall papers therein mention'd.

SATURDAY  
29

## ATT A CONSULTATION

## Present

THOMAS PITT: PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:

FRANCIS ELLIS THOM: WRIGHT

MATTHEW EMPSON

MESS<sup>rs</sup>: MARSHALL & MEVERELL at y<sup>e</sup>: Mount.

Mint Master  
pays into  
Cash 21000  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: for  
Gold coin'd  
read: from:  
England &  
read: 3 mo<sup>os</sup>:  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>:

The President as Mintmaster pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Twenty one thousand Pag<sup>s</sup>: being on acco<sup>t</sup>: Gold received from England coin'd in the Mint, and read his Mint Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for months of July, August & September last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>.

|                    |                     |     |                    |              |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------|
| July               | To Custom on Gold   | ... | Pa.                | 144: 13: 40. |
| Aug <sup>t</sup> : | To Custom on Gold   | ... | Pa.                | 104: 3: 60.  |
|                    | To Custom on Silver | ... | Rup <sup>s</sup> : | 2,165: 7: —  |
| Sep <sup>r</sup> : | To Custom on Gold   | ... | Pa.                | 48: —: —     |

Warehouse  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: for  
Octobr:  
read.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper read his Acco<sup>t</sup>: for the month October last.

Refu[s]e  
Flintware to  
be sold.

Order'd that what refu[s]e flint ware unfit for Presents, be sold at Outcry.

Soldiers  
entertain'd.

Order'd that Francisco Farnanda European & Salvador Midon and Francisco Demonte Topasses be entertain'd soldiers in this Garrison.

Pepper paid  
for and also  
a Persian  
Mare.

Order'd that Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1147: 32 be paid the President, being for Can<sup>y</sup>: 62: lb. 24: Pepper at 18½ Pag<sup>s</sup>: 3 Candy sent the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: 3 ship Dutchess and two hundred Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Gulston Addison for a Persian mare formerly bought for Nabob Doud Cawn.

Letters  
receiv'd &  
sent read.

Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: the 21<sup>st</sup>: & 22<sup>d</sup>: Instant, and from Madap<sup>m</sup>: dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: ditto, both read. Also Generall Letters to Surat and ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David both dat<sup>d</sup>: 27<sup>th</sup>: Instant, read and approv'd.

Three moths:  
town conico-  
plys Duty  
order'd to be  
paid.

Orderd that twenty-five Pagodas be paid Wotta Linga, being for three months Town Conicoplys Duty ending the last October 1701.

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, NOVEMBER 1701.—

[29<sup>th</sup>]

Mr: Francis Bett Storekeeper being sick sent up his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the months August, September and October last by Mr: Wigmore, which were all read and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>: 202: 14: 1, being the Ballance of the Storekeepers Acco<sup>t</sup>: ending the ultimo October last, and Pays on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Quit Rent five hundred Pagodas:

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.

Storekeepers  
accots: for 3  
months read  
&  
the Ballance  
of ye:  
Storekeepers,  
Accot:  
ending  
October, paid  
and 500 pag<sup>s</sup>.  
on Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
Quit rents.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

Present:

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>r</sup>:  
FRANCIS ELLIS. THOMAS WRIGHT  
MATTHEW EMPSON. THO: MARSHALL  
JOHN MEVERELL.

DECEMBER  
TUESDAY  
2<sup>ND</sup>

Order'd that Fifteen hundred Pagodas be paid Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Order'd that some Liquors be sent Nabob Dow'd Cawn he having desired it.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Paymaster read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month October last particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                             |     |     |           |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----------|----|
| Charges Garrison            | ... | ... | Pa: 1277: | 7  |
| Charges Cattle              | ... | ... | " 38:     | 15 |
| Charges Extraordinary       | ... | ... | " 17:     | 31 |
| Charges Diet                | ... | ... | " 320:    | —  |
| Fort St: David              | ... | ... | " 5:      | 26 |
| Acco <sup>t</sup> : Present | ... | ... | " 1:      | 24 |
| Charges Generall            | ... | ... | " 374:    | 23 |
| West Coast                  | ... | ... | " 415:    | 34 |
| fortifications and Repairs  | ... | ... | " 27:     | 17 |

Pag: 2479; 19

Pag. 1500  
paid ye:  
Paymr:  
Liquors to be  
sent ye:  
Nabob.  
Paymasters  
accot: for  
Octr read.

Addition to ffort S<sup>t</sup>. David Gen<sup>l</sup>: Letter of yesterdays date and to Metchlepatam of this date, also the Presidents Letter to Nabob Dowd Cawn and Duan for clearing the Advice frigats wreck, all read and approv'd.

Letters sent,  
read.

Order'd that Thoma Ferara be entertain'd soldier in this Garrison.

Topass  
soldier  
entertd.

Kittee Narrain produceing an Acco<sup>t</sup>: Expences at Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: on his last Expedition thither, Amounting to Pag<sup>s</sup>: 100: 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ , The Ballance being fans: 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  is order'd to be paid him and fifty Pagodas as a Gratuity, in consideration of his good services to the northward & dursing the time Dowd Cawn was here last.

The Ball:  
of Kitteej  
Narrains  
Accot: paid,  
and a Gra:  
tuity of 50  
pag<sup>s</sup>: for  
his good  
services.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 28<sup>th</sup>: past &c<sup>a</sup>: papers as ~~3~~ List of the pacquet.

Dispatch'd ~~3~~ Pattamars y<sup>e</sup>: two following Generall Letters with the severall 3 papers mention'd to be inclos'd Viz<sup>t</sup>:

## —FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1701—

- 6 To Surat ... .. dated 27<sup>th</sup>: past. &  
 4 To ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David ... .. 27 d<sup>o</sup>: & p<sup>mo</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>:  
 Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 2<sup>d</sup>: Instant.  
 Received Generall Letter from Anjengo dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: November 1701 &c<sup>a</sup>:  
 papers inclos'd, amongst which was copy of three clauses Surat Generall Letter to  
 Bombay dated 23<sup>d</sup>: September last, advertizeing 'em to be upon their Guard, it  
 being thought the Moors hath design on that Island, for the Loss of some ships  
 lately robd by Pirats belonging to Surat.  
 9 Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 3<sup>d</sup>: Instant.

## ATT A CONSULTATION

WEDNES-  
DAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

## Present

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERN<sup>R</sup>:  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
received  
read.

Generall Letters from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dat<sup>d</sup>: the 28<sup>th</sup>: past and 3<sup>d</sup>: Ins<sup>t</sup>:  
 &c<sup>a</sup>: papers read.

Four bills of  
Excha: from  
Fort S<sup>t</sup>:  
David  
order'd to be  
paid.

Order'd that Pagodas Eleven thousand six hundred be paid, being for four  
 bills of Exch<sup>a</sup>: drawn by the Deputy Govern<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David  
 advis'd in the above two Letters Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |                               |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| To John Affleck for    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Pag | 2500                          |
| To Sunca Rama          | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 1100                          |
| To Arna Chellum        | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 4000                          |
| To Moota Linga Chittee | ... | ... | ... | ... | "   | 4000                          |
|                        |     |     |     |     |     | <u>Pag<sup>s</sup>: 11600</u> |

Anjengo  
Genll.  
Letter &c<sup>a</sup>:  
read.  
The Accot:  
Cash &  
Secretarys  
Accot: Fees  
for Passes  
for Novr:  
Mo: read  
Pag<sup>s</sup>: 8000  
paid into  
Cash for  
Silver &  
Goods sold  
pa. fa.  
and 314: 35:  
ca.  
2: for Cali-  
coes sold  
belonging to  
ye: Mer-  
chan's.  
The Washers  
to pay for  
Cloth burnt  
& lost by  
them.  
The Jo:  
Stock Mer-  
ch's: acco<sup>ts</sup>:  
for Novr,  
mo. adju-  
ted.

Generall Letter from Anjengo dated the 13<sup>th</sup>: past read, with the severall  
 copy clauses Surat Generall Letters to Bombay intimateing the siddies design  
 upon the Island.

The Presidents Acco<sup>t</sup>: of the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>a</sup>: Cash for last month read,  
 Ballance being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 114817: 26: 5 and Charles Bugden Sec<sup>y</sup>: read his Acco<sup>t</sup>:  
 Fees for Passes for last mo<sup>th</sup>: and pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Comp<sup>s</sup>: Cash Pag<sup>s</sup>:  
 2: 24 their part.

M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys  
 Cash, Eight thousand Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Silver and Goods sold and Pag<sup>s</sup>: 314:  
 35: 2 for Turn'd out and Torn cloth sold at Outcry, for w<sup>ch</sup>: the Joint Stock  
 Merchants are order'd to have credit.

Whereas the Washers hath burnt twelve peices Vizagapatam Betteelas, the  
 same is order'd to be Sold, and the Loss thereon charg'd to their Accounts, also a  
 peice they have lost.

The Joint Stock Merchants appears before us, and declares their Acco<sup>ts</sup>: are  
 adjusted for last month on the present contract.

—FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1701—

[10<sup>th</sup>]

Mr: Thomas Wright Warehousekeeper: read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month Novemb<sup>r</sup>: last

Warehouse  
acct: for  
Novr: read.  
No Goods to  
be sold by  
the Ware-  
housekeeper  
but for  
Madrass  
Pag: &  
why.

Whereas at this time here's a great scarcity of Madrass Pagodas, and our Merchants declareing that no others are of use to 'em in the Country for the carrying on the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Investments. As also for what Goods that have of late been bought out of the Comp<sup>s</sup>: Godowns, there has been no Pagodas of this place rec<sup>d</sup>: in Payment thereof, so that what received are in a manner useless, wherefore to prevent the inconveniencies that must needs attend the Comp<sup>s</sup>: affairs by receiving any others than Madrass, Tevenapatam & Allumgeer Pagodas, wee think fitt and do hereby order, that the Warehousekeeper sells no Goods out of the Companys Godown, but such as shall be paid for in Madrass Pagodas. And 'tis further agreed, that the President Examines the Companys Cash, and that what Tevenapatam Pagodas or any others that are equall in Matt & weight to Madrass Pagodas, that he puts 'em in the Mint to be coin'd into Pagodas of this place.

Tevena-  
patam Pag:  
& others  
equal in Matt  
& weight to  
be melted  
down &  
coin'd  
Madrass  
Pag:

The Joint Stock Merchants urging this day very much their want of money for that what they had before received, was very near all advanc'd to the Weavers to engage 'em in their Service, so that unless wee supply'd 'em with considerable sums this month and next, 'twould be impossible for 'em to provide so great a quantity of Cloth, as wee shall need for the Loading of the Bedford, wherefore 'tis Unanimously Agreed that the President pays Thirty thousand Pagodas in further part of their Contract dated 11<sup>th</sup>: Nov<sup>r</sup>: last.

Pag: 3000  
order'd to  
be pd: the  
Joint Stock  
Mercht:

THO: PITT.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THO: WRIGHT.

M. EMPSON.

THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.

JOHN MEVERELL.

Ship Rubie Zachary Stilgo Master arrived from Batavia and Acheen. 11

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David of yesterdays date. 12

Received Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 24<sup>th</sup>: November last &c<sup>a</sup>: papers.

Mr: Berry Purser of the Advice frigate arriv'd Overland from ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David, 13 by whom rec'd Generall Letter from the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Council dated 10<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Last night Mr: Francis Bett Died, and was this night buried, and Mr: 15 Wigmore being left his Trustee, was order'd to take care of the Rentall Generall & Scavengers Employs to the end of this month.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to Anjengo dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: Instant. 17

Dispatch'd P Pattamars the following Generall Letters with all papers as P 18 List of the Pacquets Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|                                     |     |                                        |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|
| To ffort S <sup>t</sup> : David ... | ... | dat. 15 <sup>th</sup> : Instant.       |
| Metchlepatam }                      |     |                                        |
| Vizagapatam }                       | ... | dat <sup>d</sup> : 17 d <sup>o</sup> . |
| Bengall }                           |     |                                        |

Received Generall Letter from Metchlep<sup>m</sup>: dated the 6: Instant &c<sup>a</sup>: papers 20 as P List.

Received Generall Letter from Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 5<sup>th</sup>: & 17<sup>th</sup>: 21 Instant, and the other papers inclosed as P List.

## — FORT ST. GEORGE, DECEMBER 1701 —

WEDNES-  
DAY 24<sup>TH</sup>

## ATT A CONSULTATION

*Present*

THOMAS PITT PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR  
 FRANCIS ELLIS THOMAS WRIGHT  
 MATTHEW EMPSON THOMAS MARSHALL  
 JOHN MEVERELL.

Letters  
received &  
sent read.Metchle-  
patam &  
fort St:  
David bills  
drawn  
hither to be  
paid.Persons ent'd:  
in y<sup>e</sup>: Gun-  
room.  
Money paid  
into Cash on  
severall  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>.

Pag<sup>s</sup>: 1500  
to be pd:  
y<sup>e</sup>: Paym<sup>r</sup>.  
Re-examina-  
tion of Mr:  
Sowdons  
West Coast  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: to  
be made.  
Acco<sup>t</sup>: Cloth  
sold at  
Outery be-  
longing to  
y<sup>e</sup>: Joint  
stock  
Merch<sup>ts</sup>:  
adjusted.  
Stewards  
acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
Novr: read.  
Land Custom  
Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for  
Ocoth<sup>r</sup>:  
& Novr:  
read.

Watchman  
for this place  
settled.

Generall Letters from Metchlepatam dated the 6<sup>th</sup>: from Madapollam dated the 2<sup>d</sup>: and from ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 15<sup>th</sup>: & 17<sup>th</sup>: Instant read, also to Metchlepatam & ffort S<sup>t</sup>: David of this date, both read and approved.

Order'd that One hundred fifty-five Pag<sup>s</sup>: be paid the President, being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Cheif &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill at Metchlepatam dated the 8<sup>th</sup>: Instant and Five thousand Pagodas be paid Sola Chittee, being for One bill of Exchange drawn by the Dep<sup>y</sup>: Govern<sup>r</sup>: &c<sup>a</sup>: Councill of Fort S<sup>t</sup>: David dated the 16<sup>th</sup>: Instant.

Order'd that Andrew Holland & Rob<sup>t</sup>: Carey be entertain'd in the Gunroom.

The President as Mintmaster pays into the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Companys Cash Fourteen thousand seven hundred Pagodas on Acco<sup>t</sup>: Gold received from England coin'd in the Mint here; and Gruapa &c<sup>a</sup>: [Arrac] ffarmers Two hundred eighty-three Pag<sup>s</sup>: & twelve fanams on that account; and Ponnagettee Narso &c<sup>a</sup>: Tobacco & Beetle ffarmers pays One thousand Pagodas on that account.

Order'd that Fifteen hundred Pagodas be paid M<sup>r</sup>: Thomas Marshall Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

M<sup>r</sup>: James Sowdon having deliver'd in a paper, setting forth the reasons why he is wrong charg'd Four Hundred sixty Dollars in his acco<sup>t</sup>: stated by Mess<sup>rs</sup>: fleetwood and Butterfeild at the West Coast, which paper is deliver'd Mess<sup>rs</sup>: Ellis and Marshall for their Examination and they order'd to report the same.

The Warehousekeeper delivers in an acco<sup>t</sup>: Currant of Torn and turn'd out Cloth sold at Outery belonging to the Joint Stock Merchants, the Ballance standing out uncollected being Pag<sup>s</sup>: 316: 3: 30 which acco<sup>t</sup>: having been deliver'd to Serapa &c<sup>a</sup>: for their examination, do now report it to be right and approves the same, the said Ballance being for Cloth bought by themselves.

The Steward read his Acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the mo<sup>th</sup>: November last.

M<sup>r</sup>: John Meverell read his Land Custom acco<sup>ts</sup>: for the month October and November last, particulars Viz<sup>t</sup>:

|           |                   |     |     |                                |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------|
| October.  | Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 105: 34: 44 |
|           | Rubie Brokers     | ..  | ..  | " 21: 3: 4                     |
|           | Registring Slaves | ... | ... | " 1: 12: —                     |
|           |                   |     |     | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 128: 13: 48 |
| November. | Choultry Custom   | ... | ... | Pag <sup>s</sup> : 65: 2: 60   |
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Angerapa Naigue our Watchman dying the 29<sup>th</sup>: October last, there has been great application by Letters from severall Poligars to us in the behalf of Timapa Naigue, who contended severall years for the place with y<sup>e</sup>: deceas'd watchman, but finding upon enquiry, 'twas not his right, besides having murdered some Inhabitants of this place, he was rejected, and Whereas the late deceas'd watchman has left a son an Infant, who upon enquiry of the most knowing

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Inhabitants of this place say, that the Infant has the right of succession, so that [24<sup>TH</sup>] to prevent any more application to us, and fearing that Timapa Naigue may procure the Nabobs Perwanna, which may occasion disputes between the Government and us, wee have thought fitt to grant our Cowle to the Infant, during whose Minority his Uncle Tegapa Naigue is to officiate and to be Cheif Watchman of this place, and accordingly 'tis agreed that the Infant be Tasherift with the usuall ceremony and a Cowle drawn out as enter'd next after this Consultation.

The Rentall Generall and Scavenger Employs being vacant by the late death of M<sup>r</sup>: Francis Bett, wee have agreed to confer the same on M<sup>r</sup>: Charles Bugden in consideration he has been Secretary some time, that being an Employ of considerable fatigue and little or noe Perquisites belonging to it.

The Rentall  
Genl: and  
Scavengers  
Employs set-  
tled.

THO: PITT.  
FRANCIS ELLIS.  
THO: WRIGHT.  
M: EMPSON.  
THOM<sup>s</sup>: MARSHALL.  
JOHN MEVERELL.

A COWLE GIVEN BY THE HON<sup>BLE</sup>: THOMAS PITT ESQ<sup>R</sup>:

\*PRESIDENT AND GOV<sup>R</sup>: OF FORT ST. GEORGE & C<sup>A</sup>: COUNCILL TO KOONUGOREE PEDDE NAIGUE SON TO KOONUGOREE ANGERAPA NAIGUE LATELY DECEASED.

Whereas your ffather being lately Deceas'd, who was Watchman of this Town and You (as wee are inform'd) being his son, to whom the right of that office Depends, but in consideration of your Infancy, (during which), wee constitute & appoint your Uncle Tegapa Naigue to officiate for you as Watchman of this city of Madrass and the liberties thereof on the following terms, and to be accountable to you for which Duties he shall collect during your Minority which shall terminate at the pleasure of the Governour and Council.

That whereas formerly you kept but fifty Peons, now you must keep One hundred good peons to watch this city and y<sup>e</sup>: liberties thereof, for prevention of robberies and other disorders, and for their maintenance, wee allow you the following Duties.

That you shall have 18 Paddy feilds given you rent free.

That out of every stack of Paddy, you shall have One bundle in the Ear and One Tombe of Grain.

That out of what Grain soever grows within the bounds of the Town, you shall be allowed six measures out of every Collome.

That the ffishermen shall pay you 325 fanams ꝯ annum.

That those that buy fish and carry out of Town, shall pay out of every fanams worth 4 cash.

That out of every Draught of fish, you shall be allowed Ten fish.

That for fishing in the river, shall be allowed you ten fanams ꝯ annum.

That for what Goods is brought in the Choultry, the Company receives 1 fan, 36 Cash out of every Pagoda for Custom, shall be allowed you 16 Cash ꝯ Pagoda.

That for what Paddy and Rice shall be brought into the Town on Oxen, out of every great bag shall be allowed you  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a small measure, and out of every small bag  $\frac{1}{2}$  small measure.

That out of every small bag of Rice or Paddy that shall be brought by any Cooley into the Town, shall be allowed  $\frac{1}{6}$  part of small measure.

The all Oylemen shall allow you every time they fill their Mill  $\frac{1}{6}$  part of a small measure of Oyle.

That out of every 20000 Beetle Nuts, you shall be allowed thirty.

That out of every Maund of Pepper, you shall be allowed [ . . . ] Cash.

That out of every shop that sells beetle, shall be allowed you one beetle Nutt, three Leaves One bunch Tobacco.

[24<sup>th</sup>]

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Accepted.  
But if the  
Goods  
brought  
in by ye:  
Europe  
Christians or  
Armenians.

That every Vessell that arrives, shall allow you five fanams.

That every Boat Laden with firewood, shall allow you two fanams.

That you shall be allowed for one Pagoda Custom of all sorts of Goods<sup>4</sup> brought into Town and carried out 6 Cash, the Companys Goods and all European Christians & y<sup>e</sup>: Armenians shall be sold to any others who ought to pay the Pedde Naigue Duty and be by them carried out of Town, you shall receive six Cash for every Pagoda.

But for what Rice, Paddy &c<sup>a</sup>: shall be del<sup>d</sup>: by us to any Merchant, You are not to receive any Custom for that.

That all the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup>: Town excepting Christians and the old servants belonging to the Company, shall pay you ₧ annum three fanams for every great house; Two fanams for a smaller and one fanam for the smallest of all.

The Hundred Peons aformentioned, shall be employed for the security and peace of this City as the Governour or the Govern<sup>r</sup>: & Council shall think fitting. If the Gov<sup>r</sup>: shall go abroad, you shall procure 100 Peons to accompany him. Also, if occasion require you shall provide 200 Peons to go upon such Employment as wee shall send them, and you are to allow them four days Batty, but in case we shall employ them longer than four days, we are to give them Batty.

If any Goods belonging to the R<sup>t</sup>: H: Comp<sup>s</sup>: shall be stolen from the Washers, or if any Inhabitants house or Godown, of whom you receive your Duties shall be robb'd, then you shall make satisfaction for what is [lost] or produce the person or persons that committed the robbery and if any person deliver'd by us into your custody shall make his escape, that you shall pay the Debt.

Timapa Naigue having murdered severall of our Inhabitants, has forfeited his right to those allowances formerly [given] him by your Grand-father, but you are to give the same allowances to his son, that your Grand-father gave to Timapa.

And as an acknowledgement that you hold your place from and under the R<sup>t</sup>: Hon<sup>ble</sup>: Company, you shall bring us in every year, Twelve head of Dear in their season and twelve wild hogs in their season.

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